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Carter Is Said To Liberalize Refugee Entry

By Bernard Gwertzman

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—President Carter has approved the elements of a new refugee policy that will permit, for an interim period, the admission of all Vietnamese "boat people" refused asylum elsewhere and of those Indochinese in refugee camps who have close family and political ties to the United States.

Administration officials said yesterday that, pending approval of new long-term refugee legislation, the liberalized interim procedures probably mean that about 25,000 additional Indochinese will be allowed to enter the United States in the next year.

According to officials and congressional sources, Mr. Carter, in effect, ended a months-long debate within his administration by approving a set of policy guidelines on Monday night before leaving on his overseas trip.

The principles approved by Mr. Carter, aides said, still have to be put into official directives, but they include the following:

• Priority will be given to seeking long-term legislation that would increase from 17,400 to about 40,000 the number of refugees admitted on a yearly worldwide basis. But provisions would be retained for permitting additional refugees in case of new emergencies. No legislation is expected before next year.

• Until there is new legislation, the current law's emergency "parole authority" would be used to admit, without limit, all Vietnamese boat refugees currently stranded throughout Asia, mostly in Malaysia, and about 1,500 more Vietnamese are fleeing monthly in small boats. The United States expects to have to take about two-thirds of the current and future "boat people."

• The "parole authority" also would be used in the interim period to admit without limit those Indochinese refugees who escaped by land into Thailand and who have special family or political ties to the United States. There are now nearly 100,000 such refugees, mostly from Laos, in those overcrowded camps, and about 3,000 more are arriving each month. It is estimated that about 1,000 a month of these new refugees will be eligible for entry into the United States as well as several thousand of the total already in camps.

• The "parole authority" also would continue to be applied in this period for the admission to this country of Eastern European refugees, mostly Soviet Jews, who have been in transit camps in Italy after declining to go to Israel or elsewhere.

Latin American Refugees

In a related matter, Attorney General Griffin Bell informed key congressional committees on Monday that he was using his "parole authority" to admit 500 Latin American political refugees, mostly from Argentina and Chile.

White House aides in the last few days have begun briefing key members of Congress and their aides and other government agencies on the President's decisions. A formal presidential directive, signed by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the White House adviser on national security affairs, is expected to be circulated in the next few weeks, when a formal policy statement may be made, officials said.

Mr. Carter's actions, according to aides, apparently resolved a major difference between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Mr. Bell over how to handle the refugee situation in the interim period pending new legislation.

Mr. Vance and Mr. Bell agreed on the need for new legislation but differed over whether the attorney general should continue to use his emergency "parole authority" granted by the 1952 immigration law to admit large and predictable numbers of Indochinese refugees.

Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the United States has admitted 172,000 Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians, of which 22,000 were admitted by the Carter administration. This was done in different increments, each time requiring the attorney general to



President Carter at a Rio nightclub, with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at his right.

1st President to Visit Black Africa

Carter, Entourage in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria, March 31 (UPI)—President Carter arrived in this petroleum-rich and politically influential west African nation today on the first state visit to a black African country ever made by a U.S. president.

Mr. Carter, arriving from Brazil on the third leg of his four-nation tour, was met at the capital's Murtala Muhammed Airport by Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, who has headed Nigeria's military regime since February, 1976.

Because of the late arrival, a ceremonial welcome was put off until tomorrow morning at Gen. Obasanjo's official residence known as Dodan Barracks. Mr. Carter is staying at Nigeria's State House, a British colonial mansion which has been vacant since civilian rule ended in 1966.

In Brazil, Mr. Carter apparently failed to heal a deep rift with the country over human rights. He held a controversial meeting with a leading civil rights advocate, Dom Paulo Cardinal Evaristo Arns.

Gen. Obasanjo and Mr. Carter have scheduled two rounds of formal talks, which are expected to focus on political developments in Rhodesia, in South-West Africa (Namibia), which is also moving toward majority rule, and economic relations between the two countries.

Nigeria is the second largest source of foreign oil for the United States after Saudi Arabia and has a \$5-billion trade surplus with the United States.

Vance and Brzezinski

Mr. Carter is being accompanied by his wife, Rosalynn, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, and arrived in Lagos Wednesday.

Mr. Young, who toured Tanzania and Zambia before arriving here, said today that the Nigerians have invited officials from the so-called front-line states in confrontation with Rhodesia to brief them on the latest round of developments and that they will also meet with Mr. Vance on Sunday.

He said that the two leaders of the Rhodesian guerrilla group known as the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, have been invited to take part and that Mr. Nkomo has arrived.

The other officials include Salim Salim, the Tanzanian ambassador to the U.N.; Simeon Mwale, foreign minister of Zambia; and Archie Mgwane, the foreign minister of Botswana.

'Illegal' Accord

The United States has denounced as "illegal" an agreement between Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and three internally based black leaders for a transition to majority rule by the end of the year, but which excludes the Patriotic Front from participation.

Mr. Young said that the United States is trying in concert with the front-line states to arrange a mechanism for bringing all parties in the Rhodesia dispute together to arrange a cease-fire and free elections.

Part of the significance of Mr. Carter's visit to Nigeria, Mr. Young said, is that the President, Mr. Vance and Mr. Brzezinski have been preoccupied with the Panama Canal treaties and the Middle East and will now focus on African problems for three days.

"Regardless of what they do talk about it will help focus American policy on what we do in Africa," he said.

After Sadat Talks Weizman Returns, Is 'Not Pessimistic'

By William E. Farrell

JERUSALEM, March 31 (UPI)—Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman returned from Cairo today and immediately reported to Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his talks with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

A news blackout was imposed by Israeli officials on the results, if any, of the talks between Mr. Weizman and Mr. Sadat which began yesterday and ended with a second meeting today.

Asked about the talks after a 40-minute briefing with Mr. Begin, Mr. Weizman said only: "I have never been pessimistic in my life and I am not pessimistic now."

The defense minister is expected to report on his visit with the Egyptian President at the regular meeting of the Israeli Cabinet on Sunday. No details are expected before then because of the onset of the Jewish Sabbath. Mr. Weizman went to Cairo with the aim of renewing direct Israeli-Egyptian contacts by having the political and military committee talks resumed.

The two committees composed of Israeli and Egyptian officials had met earlier this year when Mr. Sadat abruptly canceled the more important of the two—the political committee negotiations.

Egyptian Agreement

The Weizman mission was decided upon at last Sunday's meeting of the Israeli Cabinet if the Egyptians were agreeable to it. They were, to the surprise of U.S. officials here and in the United States who felt that Mr. Sadat would wait longer to assess the impact of the stalemate talks between Mr. Begin and President Carter in Washington last week.

Mr. Sadat has said that the resumption of the committee talks was conditional on both sides agreeing to a joint declaration of principles for a comprehensive Middle East peace. Neither Mr. Begin nor Mr. Sadat were able to come to such an agreement when they met in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia Dec. 25 and 26.

Since that time, efforts of both sides to reach a long-run agreement have been frustrated.

Truce Holding Refugees Returning To Lebanon Camps

BEIRUT, March 31 (AP)—UN Peace-enforcing officers continued negotiations with Palestinian guerrilla field commanders today to consolidate a wobbly cease-fire with invading Israeli forces in south Lebanon, both sides reported.

Fleeing refugees began returning en masse to guerrilla and Israeli-held regions. Authorities here reported a dusk-to-dawn curfew throughout the 1,300-square-kilometer salient it conquered in the south.

Radical and mainstream guerrillas were sharply split over the cease-fire issue. Marxist leader George Habash vowed in a public speech his Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the most leftist guerrilla group, would never recognize anything called a cease-fire.

Mr. Habash said his radical guerrillas "cannot possibly" accept a cease-fire. He claimed Christian rightists and their Israeli allies would use it to regroup, curb and then crush the Palestinian revolution.

"Therefore, we tell UNIFIL [United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon] that the Palestinian revolution cannot possibly recognize anything called a cease-fire."

His warning came 48 hours after Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and leader of the six major guerrilla groups, ordered the estimated 11,000 guerrillas in the south to stop shooting.

Radicals, who make up 20 percent of the guerrilla striking force, said they were lobbying about 200 mortars, a day into Israeli positions in the Beirut region, ignoring Mr. Arafat's orders.

A few Swedish peace-keeping units had set up positions in the 100-square-kilometer Arkoub region at the foothills of Mount Hermon in southeast Lebanon.

There were no Swedish peacekeepers in the region.

Cultural Affairs Section

USIA Gets New Initials, New Functions

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—At midnight tonight, a set of initials which have inspired respect, jibes and occasional riots around the world—USIA—will be replaced by ICA—the International Communication Agency.

ICA will include everything that was in the 25-year-old United States Information Agency, plus a cultural affairs section moved over from the State Department.

It will include USA libraries that have been burned and stoned at times of international tension, the Voice of America, and the other bureaus which perform a task known as public diplomacy.

The change finally puts into effect a 1973 recommendation by a panel headed by Dr. Frank Stanton, former chairman of the CBS. The panel said that the old system "was at variance with logic" because it split up two functions—cultural programs and overseas information programs—that should have been put together.

Mr. Reinhardt, formerly an ambassador to Nigeria, does not fear the word propaganda, if it is used in the sense of propagating information. "Our goal," he said, "will be to achieve understanding."

One of the most delicate problems is the handling of the Voice of America, largest part of the new agency both in terms of money and manpower.

Mr. Reinhardt vowed that VOA reporters [15 of whom are stationed overseas] will receive no official guidance when covering news stories, nor will the regular newscasts from Washington be influenced by official U.S. policy.

However, he added, commentators broadcast by the VOA are professing to represent the official views of the U.S. government will follow guidance handed down by the State Department, as is now the case.

Mr. Reinhardt said, "We don't know what the newscaster is going to say until he says it. We do tell our commentators what to do, and the commentators are identified, just as editorials are identified over American commercial radio stations."

Mr. Reinhardt insisted that, despite the similarity with the Central Intelligence Agency's initials, "There will be nothing covert about the ICA."

Conspiracy Charged

U.S. Indicts Ex-Legislator In S. Korea Bribery Case

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—A federal grand jury investigating the South Korean influence-buying scandal on Capitol Hill yesterday indicted former Rep. Otto Passman on charges of conspiracy, bribery and accepting an illegal gratuity.

The seven-count indictment charged that Rep. Passman, D-La., demanded money from South Korean rice-dealer Tongsun Park and that he pressured the South Korean government to purchase U.S. rice.

The indictment charged that Rep. Passman, 77, "did wilfully and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree with Tongsun Park... to defraud the United States of America."

Mr. Park, who returned from South Korea under a grant of immunity in return for his testimony, was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the grand jury charge.

Rep. Passman, who once held veto power over all foreign aid as a House subcommittee chairman, was defeated in a primary re-election bid in 1976. He has consistently denied any illegal or improper conduct in the Korean influence-buying scandal.

The indictment alleged that he conspired to accept \$213,000 from Mr. Park and obtained \$98,000.

The indictment charged that Rep. Passman used "his good offices" to pressure officials of the Korean government's Office of Supply, the director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, and other officials to keep Mr. Park as the agent in sales of U.S. rice to South Korea.

It said that, as chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, Rep. Passman not only pressured Korean officials to buy the rice handled by Mr. Park but also pushed to have money from the Food for Peace program allocated to South Korea specifically for purchase of rice.

Mr. Park received a pardon in the rice scandal.



Prime Minister Barre leaves Elysee Palace after submitting the resignation of his government to President Giscard d'Estaing.

In Expected Move Barre Quits, Is Renamed As Head of New Cabinet

PARIS, March 31 (UPI)—Raymond Barre was reappointed as Premier today shortly after he submitted his resignation to the Elysee Palace.

The announcement by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing was considered a mere formality.

20 Arrested in Spain For Insulting Official

MADRID, March 31 (AP)—Twenty persons were reported arrested yesterday, including members of the ultra rightist party "Fuerza Nueva" (New Force), for insulting Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa as he attended a wedding.

News accounts said that Mr. Martin Villa, who is in charge of Spain's law and order, was repeatedly insulted by a group of persons who gathered outside the church and that one of them attempted to attack him.

Botswana Refuses to Aid Guerrillas Abducted Pupils Go Home to Rhodesia

PLUMTREE, Rhodesia, March 31 (UPI)—Most of the more than 400 black mission school pupils abducted to Botswana by black insurgents returned to Rhodesia today, thirsty, hungry and happy to be home.

Their return was aided by the government of Botswana, which told the guerrillas that it wanted to part in the abductions.

The youngsters were kidnapped Wednesday night from their school by guerrillas who said they were acting on behalf of the Patriotic Front. The front is supported by Mozambique, Zambia, Angola, Tanzania and Botswana.

The children began crossing the Botswana-Rhodesia border bridge along the Rhodesia-Botswana border. The exact number who returned was not known. But Botswana's head of security, David Mophuthing, said that all but 48 of the 432 persons seized at southwest Rhodesia's Tlokweng mission chose to return home.

In Rhodesia, a spokesman for the British Methodist Church, which operates the mission, said that 420 pupils, between the ages of 13 and 20, and 12 staff members, including the headmaster Luke Khumalo, were abducted.

Taken to Police Camp

On their return, the youngsters were taken to a police camp at this border town where they were given sandwiches and soft drinks. They said they had not eaten since their abduction.

One 15-year-old boy, expressing sentiments of his classmates, said, "The guerrillas said they were taking us for training. We didn't like the way we were taken. We should decide if we want training."

The youngsters said that among those who chose to stay in Botswana were two teachers.

A Rhodesian military spokesman said the group was believed to have been held in the village of Ramabagane, 20 miles from the mission.

Mission officials said that about 12 men slipped into the school after cutting telephone lines and moved swiftly through the complex, rounding up sleeping pupils.

The officials reported that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Papua Seeks New Ties

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, March 31 (AP)—China and the Soviet Union have been asked to establish embassies in Papua New Guinea, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Ebia Oiewale said.



Students in Nantes protest against the "black tide" caused by the oil spill off the coast of Brittany by the tanker Amoco Cadiz. They are carrying wooden crosses with bodies of birds that were killed by the spill. Story on page 3.

1st Flare-up Since Somali Pullout

ew Ogaden Fighting Reported

AIROBI, March 31 (UPI)—Somalia said today that Ethiopian warplanes bombed the northern part of its territory. And Addis Ababa hinted that it eventually could invade Somalia with ground forces if a guerrilla war in the Ogaden continued.

Diplomatic sources said that the statements from both capitals underscored that the situation on the Horn of Africa had taken an ominous new turn.

In a communique broadcast by Mogadishu radio, Somalia said that two Ethiopian MiG-21 warplanes attacked the village of Kallabay in northern Somalia but it gave no further details.

It was the first time for many weeks that the Somalis had claimed Ethiopian aerial attacks against its territory and also the first time since regular Somali forces withdrew from the Ogaden earlier this month to end the conventional war. Ethiopia has consistently denied that its warplanes ever bombed Somali territory.

Insurgents Drive On

Meanwhile, Somali insurgents said that they are expanding a guerrilla war against Ethiopia and its Communist allies throughout the Ogaden region.

The Ethiopian government, in turn, has hinted at retaliation. In a statement last night it said: "The Somali leadership has continued its policy of invasion and expansionism and has declared a genocidal war. The Ethiopian people will no longer accept this. Although Ethiopia does not want war, in accordance with international law it will be compelled to safeguard its rights in the face of further attacks."

No Invasion Wish

It reiterated that Ethiopia had no wish to invade Somalia and warned of a possible civil war or change of government in Somalia over the confusion and economic crisis of the Ogaden conflict.

The Western Somali Liberation Front said yesterday in a communique that its guerrillas wiped out a 13-truck convoy on Wednesday, killing 170 Ethiopian troops and nine Cuban soldiers near the town of Daghobur.

Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre and his government made it clear that they have no control over the front, even though all indications were that they would continue to actively support the guerrillas.

SWAPO and South Africa differ on the number and location of South African troops in the territory before independence, the South African enclave of Walvis Bay and the role of the South African-appointed administrator and his UN counterpart.

SWAPO's guerrilla arm, which is based in Angola and Zambia, wants South African troop strength in the territory cut from 20,000 to 1,500, with these troops to be stationed in the south. South Africa wants 4,000 troops in several bases in the north where SWAPO is strongest in order to prevent voter intimidation or any coup attempt.

The proposals are seen in South Africa as a final bid by the West to find a transition to independence that would include the guerrillas and receive international acceptance.

Details of the West's proposals were not available. In New York, diplomats said that the Western plan would be presented to the Security Council late next month after all parties involved had had a chance to study the plan.

Attitude Hardens

South Africa's attitude hardened this week after the assassination of Herero tribal leader Clemens Kapuwo by unknown gunmen.

SWAPO in Lusaka denied responsibility, saying that the South Africans had planned it to make SWAPO look bad.

The result has been increased interest by the five nations in more effective military and police presence in the territory, to prevent tribal fighting or politically motivated violence.

Kenya Receives Shipment of U.S. Warplanes

NAIROBI, March 31 (UPI)—Kenya received the first shipment of a squadron of F-5 strike aircraft today as part of the largest single military deal the United States has concluded with a black African nation.

The F-5s were flown to Nairobi aboard a C-5A Galaxy transport and delivered to the Kenyan Air Force in a private ceremony.

Diplomatic sources said that because of the continuing crisis in the Horn of Africa the United States had speeded up delivery of the squadron and that all 12 F-5s would be delivered by late spring.

The planes and spare parts are worth \$75 million.

Kenya, with the smallest armed forces in the area, ordered the fighters in a drive to build up its Air Force. Kenyan pilots have been training on the F-5s in the United States.

U.S.-Turkish Relations

ANKARA, March 31 (AP)—Strong indications have emerged that long-strained Turkish-U.S. relations will improve, Premier Bulent Ecevit said today.

SWAPO May Not Talk With 5 Western Envoys

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa, March 31 (AP)—The South-West African People's Organization in this territory has indicated that it would not meet with representatives of five Western nations visiting the territory to discuss the latest proposals for Namibian independence.

Sources close to SWAPO said yesterday that the latest Western proposal was given to SWAPO's president, Sam Nujoma, in Zambia and therefore it was unnecessary to meet envoys from the

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guerrillas said they were acting on behalf of Joshua Nkomo, co-leader with Robert Mugabe of the Patriotic Front. The group is pledged to fight the internal majority-rule agreement signed by Prime Minister Ian Smith and three black moderate leaders.

Last year, in the same region, insurgents abducted 400 pupils from the Manama mission school. Distraught parents travelled to Botswana to fetch the children, but only 53 agreed to come back.

The Botswana security chief said that his country did not support the abductions, although it welcomed people seeking political asylum. He said that Botswana has taken in more than 6,000 refugees since March 15.

Western sources have said that Botswana's refugee camps are overcrowded and facing grave health hazards. According to reports from Botswana, up to 1,000 black Rhodesians each week are flown north to Zambia, where Mr. Nkomo's men have bases.

Shootings Reported In Botswana

JOHANNESBURG, March 31 (AP)—Botswana paramilitary police shot and killed two white South Africans and a British student who were on a holiday in a game park, the Rand Daily Mail reported today.

The shootings occurred Wednesday near the border area of South Africa, Rhodesia and Botswana when Botswana police went to the Bushifani lodge game farm to question British student Nick Love about a camouflage shirt and some .306 Caliber ammunition, the report said.

Police arrested Mr. Love, the Bushifani lodge game ranger, Billie De Beer, and the manager of a neighboring farm, Mike Arden, the newspaper said. Shortly later, a relative of Mr. De Beer said, the bodies of the three men were in the police station at Selebi-Pikwe, the report added. Botswana police declined to comment on the report.

Guerrilla Shootout Reported

LUSAKA, Zambia, March 31 (AP)—Nationalist sources said yesterday that there was a shootout in the headquarters here of Mr. Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union. Unconfirmed reports said four persons were killed.

The sources said that some ZAPU members opened fire on others Monday at ZAPU headquarters here, known as Zimbabwe House. They said that guerrilla commander Alfred Mangena was wounded in the gunfight.

Another shootout occurred Dec. 19 at Zimbabwe House when guerrillas guarding the building drove off unidentified attackers. No casualties were reported in that incident.



Otto Passman

U.S. Indicts Ex-Official

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The indictment said began in January, 1972, and continued through 1975.

The indictment enumerated seven instances when Rep. Passman allegedly received the \$193,000 in payments from Park. The first payment, according to the indictment, was \$10,000 on March 28, 1972. The document said that was followed by payments of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$15,000, \$50,000, \$50,000, \$28,000 and \$50,000.

The indictment said that Rep. Passman persuaded Mr. Park to make him agent for Park's sales to South Korea in April, 1972, and that the congressman met with Korean Ambassador Kim Dong Jo and "insisted" that the Korean government cooperate in reaching agreement with the United States.

Rep. Passman did this, the indictment said, "so that a United States rice sale to Korea could be consummated."

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Subarto Shifts Cabinet; Aims At Development

JAKARTA, March 31 (UPI)—President Suharto has announced a new "development" Cabinet, retaining most technocrats in major ministerial posts while making some changes to insure continuity in the government's development efforts.

President Suharto said that the Cabinet would try "to achieve a more equitable distribution of development and the benefits of development" and the achievement of a reasonably high economic growth rate.

He said that the government also would seek to improve national stability, promote a "clean-up" of the government apparatus, maintain and improve the national unity, prepare for the 1982 general elections and maintain Indonesia's nonaligned foreign policy.

In the new Cabinet, Gen. Maraden Panggabean, former minister of security and defense and chief of the armed forces, becomes minister in charge of coordinating the planning and execution of domestic and foreign policies.

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Cartier Has Strengthened U.S.-Nigeria Tie

By David Mervin

LAGOS, March 31 (UPI)—Nigeria's head of state, General Obasanjo, said today that the visit of President Jimmy Carter to Lagos last year had strengthened U.S.-Nigeria ties.

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After a Decade of Deterioration

Cartier Has Strengthened U.S.-Nigeria Tie

By David Mervin

LAGOS, March 31 (UPI)—Nigeria's head of state, General Obasanjo, said today that the visit of President Jimmy Carter to Lagos last year had strengthened U.S.-Nigeria ties.

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maintained relations with Moscow and Washington.

Nigeria, according to diplomatic sources here, played an important role in persuading Washington not to get involved in the Ogaden war. On the other hand, Nigeria resisted Washington's urging that it criticize the Soviet and Cuban involvement in the Ethiopian side because, like most African nations, it believed Ethiopia was entitled to access help from anyone when its territory was invaded.

Most diplomats here, both American and Western, see the Carter visit as a significant cornerstone in the formation of a new U.S. policy toward Africa, particularly because two years ago it would have been inconceivable for an American president even to consider visiting Nigeria.

One reason that Nigeria's voice is particularly authoritative in black Africa is that it has the economic independence to maintain a truly nonaligned position in foreign affairs. Its cargo planes, for example, are American, its helicopters French, its training planes British and Czechoslovak, its fighter-bombers Russian. There are about 90 foreign embassies in Lagos, and Nigeria has

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News Analysis

Vance, Gromyko Meeting Proposed by Washington

By Murray Marder

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—President Carter plans to send Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Europe in late April, as a possible prelude to a Carter summit conference with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

Officials traveling with Mr. Carter in Brazil disclosed plans for the Vance-Gromyko meeting yesterday. The meeting would probably take place in Geneva.

On Tuesday, the Kremlin said, through the Soviet newspaper Pravda, that the time is approaching "for crucial decisions in Soviet-American relations." The article said that the Carter administration was displaying "ambivalence and vacillation in concluding the nuclear Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT)."

By making public the proposed Vance-Gromyko meeting, centered on the prolonged nuclear negotiations, the Carter administration evidently sought to demonstrate that it is not foot-dragging on SALT.

"Serious Commentary"

In addition, the State Department Wednesday called the Soviet analysis and critique of U.S. policy a "serious, thoughtful commentary" that deserved serious study.

The proposal for Mr. Vance and Mr. Gromyko to meet, administration sources said, was made before the recent Kremlin review of U.S.-Soviet policy that produced the Pravda article.

Mr. Vance discussed the idea of a Gromyko meeting with Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin before Mr. Dobrynin left Washington for Moscow on March 17, reportedly "loaded down" with position papers on U.S. policy. Mr. Dobrynin indicated that the Soviet Union was receptive to the idea of a Vance-Gromyko meeting but that no date has been agreed to.

The fact that the planning for a Vance-Gromyko conference had

been under way makes it clear why the Soviet Union was puzzled by the Carter administration's intentions on the day Mr. Dobrynin left Washington.

Stern Speech

On that day, President Carter delivered a stern speech on U.S. defense and U.S.-Soviet policy at Wake Forest University. Mr. Carter said that the United States will spend whatever is required on defense to "guarantee our security," and he warned of "an ominous indication" by the Soviet Union to project its growing power around the world, notably in the Horn of Africa.

The Pravda article this week, by Soviet specialist on U.S. affairs Georgi Arbatov, asked if this represented a shift in U.S. policy and an attempt to obtain military superiority. U.S. officials have denied that. The Arbatov article signified that the Kremlin leadership was leaving the issues open.

Mr. Vance and Mr. Gromyko would be expected to determine if some of the barriers to a new nuclear arms control pact can be resolved. After a meeting next month, another meeting, or series of meetings, would probably be held between them in this country starting in late May. That is when a special session of the United Nations on disarmament begins in New York.

There has been some Soviet probing at lower levels about the possibility that Mr. Brezhnev might lead the Soviet delegation to New York, opening the way for a Carter-Brezhnev meeting.

Many diplomats, however, think it more likely that, if Mr. Vance and Mr. Gromyko make enough progress to justify a Carter-Brezhnev meeting, that meeting would be in Europe at a later date. A summit conference to confirm a virtually completed SALT accord is also a possibility. Mr. Carter has said that he is prepared to meet Mr. Brezhnev for either purpose.



RUDE AWAKENING—Steamboat Geyser roared out of a nine-year dormancy this week in Yellowstone National Park by spewing boiling water up to 400 feet for 15 minutes. Steamboat is the world's largest geyser, three to four times bigger than Old Faithful.

Questioned About 2 Murders

2 Held in Los Angeles Strangler Case

By Ted Thackrey Jr. and Nieson Himmel

LOS ANGELES, March 31 — A Massachusetts prison escapee and a Beverly Hills maintenance man have been taken into custody in connection with at least two murders attributed to the hillside strangler. Los Angeles police said yesterday.

George Shamshak, 27, and Peter Jones, 37, are being questioned about the murders of Jill Barcomb and Kathleen Kimberly Robinson. Police Chief Daryl Gates said in a press conference. He said that Shamshak, who had been serving a term for armed robbery, escaped from prison in Massachusetts last year and was in the Los Angeles area during the time that some of the stranglings occurred.

Mr. Gates said that Shamshak was arrested in Massachusetts as an escapee and jailed early this month when he gave police information that led them to connect him with the Los Angeles murders.

Massachusetts authorities contacted Los Angeles, Mr. Gates said, and on March 17 Shamshak was brought to Los Angeles for questioning. He said Shamshak has been in "protective custody" since then.

2nd Man Implicated

During questioning, the chief said, Shamshak implicated Mr. Jones, who reportedly is employed as a maintenance man at a medical building in Beverly Hills.

Mr. Jones was placed under surveillance and was arrested yesterday at his home in Los Angeles, Mr. Gates said.

Mr. Jones was booked last night on suspicion of murder, but Shamshak was being held in a jail as an "en route prisoner."

Mr. Gates did not explain why Shamshak had not also been booked for murder, but said Shamshak had been "promised nothing" in return for his cooperation.

Mr. Gates, who headed the 92-man hillside strangler task force before becoming police chief, did not give details of how Mr. Jones was implicated in the murder except to say that his name had been mentioned in statements by Shamshak.

Contacts

Sources close to the investigation, however, said that Mr. Jones has relatives in Massachusetts and that the two men had known each other there. For a time, the two lived in the same Los Angeles apartment house.

The chief said that he did not want to "classify" Shamshak as the hillside strangler.

But he said Shamshak was "definitely" a suspect in the Barcomb and Robinson murders and added that he "had some knowledge of the circumstances of the killings" that only detectives on the case would have known.

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or on a report that the other 11 strangler murders might not be connected to the Barcomb and Robinson cases.

Sources close to the investigation said there were "substantial differences" between the mode of strangulation used in the Barcomb and Robinson killings and the others attributed to the strangler.

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But Birds Have Suffered

Scientists Do Not Expect Ill Effects From Oil Spill

PORTSALL, France, March 31 (NYT)—Scientists monitoring the Amoco Cadiz tanker disaster here, the worst oil spill in history, are cautiously optimistic that it will not have long-term or irreversible environmental effects on the Brittany coastline and surrounding seas.

The supertanker ran aground March 16 and broke apart the next day on shoals off this picturesque fishing village, spilling about 200,000 tons of crude oil. To speed the cleaning operations, French Navy helicopters have bombarded the ship to release the last 20,000 tons of oil.

The oil has polluted 110 miles of the Breton coast and nearby islands, destroyed a harvest of oysters, lobsters, fish and seaweed worth millions of dollars, and threatens the lucrative tourist trade just as the season is getting started. The disaster is costing additional millions of dollars in manpower and equipment for the cleanup operations.

Scientists Optimistic

But a number of ecologists—employed by a nearby French marine biology laboratory, working for Amoco or attached to independent consulting companies—believe that long-term damage can be avoided for the following reasons:

- The tanker's oil was of a light variety and most of it already has broken up and dispersed because of the rough seas and high winds.
- The estuaries of the Breton coast are particularly suited to support a rich marine life and are believed resilient despite the scope of the spill.
- The response of fishermen, farmers and other residents of Brittany has been rapid. Al-

though there was much initial confusion at the government level and a dearth of sophisticated anti-pollution equipment, the local populace has carried out an impressive cleaning operation on its own and has paved the way for even greater efforts now being undertaken by the French government.

• The chemical dispersants, which in past oil spills proved to be even more dangerous to marine life than the crude oil itself, now appear to be far less toxic if properly used.

Anguish Persists

But the optimism for the long term has not dampened the anguish and anger. Demonstrations have been held in several towns and cities, including a gathering of 15,000 earlier this week in Brest that broke up when policemen fired tear gas at youths trying to storm the headquarters of the maritime police.

There are also some scientists who take a darker view of the long-term consequences of the spill because it is the fourth major oil shipwreck off the Brittany coast in 11 years. In 1967, the Torrey Canyon split and deposited more than 100,000 tons of crude. The Bocklen spilled several thousand tons in October, 1976, and the Olympic Bravery ran into shoals early that year, but fortunately was almost empty.

The main concern of scientists was over the fate of diving birds, such as cormorants and pelicans. Seagulls, which skimmed the oil-slick waters, were only rare casualties. More than a thousand dead birds have been uncovered, and many more are assumed to have died out of sight.

Rodents' Sex Lives Unchanged, EPA Bans Electronic Repellent

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—Two devices designed to keep away rats, mice and other pests by transmitting signals intended, among other things, to interfere with their sex lives, have been banned by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The agency said that the devices do not work.

The Amigo Electronic Repellent Phase 2 Model C-100, made by the Mira Manufacturing Co., were for between \$300 and \$500. But, according to the agency, "EPA tests on the two Amigos found that they had no meaningful effect on the eating, drinking or reproductive habits of rats. Labeling for these devices includes false and misleading claims."

"For example, labeling for the Amigo Electronic Repellent says that it 'sends out a protective frequency to create a front-line shield' keeping ants, mice, rats, gophers and moles away from protected areas. Elsewhere the same label states: 'The creatures will stay where they are, not eating or breeding, and unable to tolerate the repelling frequency they will go dormant, over to leave the area.'"

The action was taken under the federal pesticides law which gives EPA the power to police the labeling of anti-pest products.

The Amigo used an electromagnet that emits low-level electronic waves, the EPA said. Some devices were intended for indoor use, others were promoted for use in outdoor areas ranging from 2 to 20 acres.

Soviet Dissident Asks U.S. for Political Asylum

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Pyotr Grigorenko, a former Soviet army major general who was stripped of his citizenship three weeks ago for his criticism of alleged Soviet suppression of human rights, said yesterday that he has applied for political asylum in the United States.

But Mr. Grigorenko said, he has not given up hope of returning to his homeland even though he is certain it would mean a return to prison or to a psychiatric ward.

Mr. Grigorenko, 70, said at a news conference that he is willing to pay that price to prove to Soviet citizens "what kind of lawless society they live in."

He also said that the stripping of one's citizenship was legal in the Stalinist era but is illegal under the new Soviet constitution.

"I appeal to the people of the world to protest and demand that I be allowed to return to face an open court," he said.

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A report by the Bolivian — Utah State/USAID Study Team in 1972 concluded: "...THE EASTERN PLAINS OF BOLIVIA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S OUTSTANDING POTENTIALS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT."

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All of these activities are centered around the City of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, the booming capital of the State of Santa Cruz and Bolivia's second largest city. Santa Cruz de la Sierra was founded over 400 years ago, but it was connected to the outside world by little more than an ox cart trail until a paved road was completed in 1955. Then oil and natural gas were discovered, making Bolivia more than self sufficient in petroleum (gasoline is just 40 cents a gallon in Santa Cruz). The oil and gas discoveries were followed by the boom in cotton, soybeans, and corn, wheat, and cattle. There is a petroleum refinery, 16 cotton gins, 5 edible oil extraction plants, 4 sugar mills and a burgeoning industrial park. There are plans for a cement mill, a can-making factory, a paper mill and a major textile plant.

The State Government of Santa Cruz has an average income of \$20 million from oil royalties and has used this money wisely to encourage the industries and services needed for full rapid development. Santa Cruz de la Sierra has grown more than five fold from 42,476 in 1950 to 255,588 in 1976, and is expected to reach over 800,000 by the turn of the century.

This is still a frontier city, yet according to the New York Times of 4 December 1974: "Unlike any other Bolivian city, Santa Cruz has a large and growing middle class..." Speaking of Santa Cruz, the Financial Times of London said: "The Cruceros are renowned for their independent mentality. The old world colonialist streets echo to a cowboy philosophy of free enterprise and survival of the fittest. This is a place where people can get things done" is something you hear at every turn." (8 February 1977).

People who want to "get things done" have been coming to the State of Santa Cruz. First there was the Japanese immigration from Okinawa, and today 30 miles north of Santa Cruz de la Sierra is the prosperous agricultural colony centered around the new Bolivian town of Okinawa. Then in the 1960's the first large wave of English speaking Menonites arrived, mostly from Manitoba, Canada and later more from Paraguay and Mexico. This well known religious farming group, generally called Pennsylvania Dutch in the United States, were seeking rich farming lands in a country where they could live in peace with a minimum of governmental interference in their community affairs. They came to Santa Cruz, Bolivia!

Today there are about 11,000 Menonites in various farming communities. They are virtually self sufficient, raising their own fruits and vegetables, dairy products, poultry, beef and pork, plus large acreages devoted to cash crops, mostly soybeans, wheat and corn.

The Bolivian Government has indicated a willingness to accept European farmers from Rhodesia, Namibia and South Africa to settle in its unpopulated areas, and thus new immigration is just beginning. While the foreign immigration has been going on, many indigenous Bolivians from other areas have also settled in Santa Cruz.

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According to the Wall Street Journal: Bolivia's economy shows strong elements of stability. (Feb. 8, 1977) "The inflation rate... is infinitesimal by Latin standards" (June 3, 1977) and "Consumer prices rose 4.6% from 1975 to 1976" (The Times, Dec. 13, 1977).

ENTERPRISING PEOPLE WANTED

Bolivia is looking for enterprising people to help develop its resources. There is a generous tax incentive program for agricultural enterprises and there are boundless new business opportunities in supplies and services to the burgeoning activity and population. Santa Cruz is well served by both State and foreign banks, including the First National Bank of Boston and the Bank of America.

The State of Santa Cruz is Bolivia's richest and biggest, with a population of around 700,000 and a third of the country's area. The population of Santa Cruz is growing at twice the rate of the rest of Bolivia, which has a total population of 4.7 million. Santa Cruz is estimated to have 65 million acres of useable land, but only 2 million are being farmed. The land is the real wealth of Santa Cruz, and this is where the opportunities are greatest.

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LAND READY FOR WORKING

The undeveloped land can be immediately cleared for agriculture, or just partially cleared, and in either case farmed individually or leased to a tenant. Alternatively the land can be left in its natural state for recreational use and value growth. A small site can be cleared for a house. Construction of a simple but adequate dwelling costs less than \$5 per square foot.

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It must be remembered, though, that this is a frontier. The weather is generally quite mild, but it does sometimes get hot in the summer, and even down to the low forties (Fahrenheit) during the winter. There are insects that bite. The roads can occasionally be muddy during the rainy season and dusty during the dry. Transportation is mostly by four wheel drive vehicles and trucks.

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But this land has its own rewards. The soil is fertile, and the forest is populated by a wide variety of game animals and birds. The collared and white lipped peacocks, white tailed and brocket deer, tree turkeys, partridge, grouse and dove. Most of the other species are protected under Bolivian law including the jaguar, puma, ocelot, margay, brown capuchins, grey fox, coati and paca. The bird life is prolific.

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\$510,000 for Illegal S. Africa Sales**Olin To Pay 'Reparations' in Arms Case**

By Robert Tomasson

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 31 (NYT)—A U.S. judge ordered the Olin Corp. yesterday to pay \$510,000 for charity programs in New Haven as "reparations" for the company's illegal arms sales to South Africa.

The unusual move surprised lawyers for both the company and the government.

"A financial fine is not enough," said District Judge Robert Zampano before he imposed the order and outlined a program of mandatory charity for the company. "These violations would reflect on the credibility of the United States in the eyes of the world," he added. "As a result, every citizen of this country suffers."

The arms sales, which the company did not deny, involved not only violations of federal statutes, but also a United Nations embargo and U.S. foreign policy, Judge Zampano said.

Unusual Tactic

While fines levied against corporations or individuals in cases won by the government normally go to the U.S. Judge Zampano adopted the unusual legal tactic of suspending sentence and placing the company on probation. A condition of the probation was that a charitable fund be established with funds equal to the maximum fine that could be imposed, which was \$510,000.

On March 21, a week after a 21-count felony indictment was handed up by a federal grand jury following an 18-month investigation, Olin pleaded not to contest, or no contest, to the charges that officials of its Winchester division had sold nonautomatic weapons destined for South Africa.

ca and filed false export statements with the government.

Ira Grudberg, the lawyer for Olin, insisted again yesterday that the sales had been carried out by minor employees without the knowledge of senior management. He said the company had not profited from the sales and had cooperated with the government in its investigation.

As the lawyer sought to minimize the company's culpability, Judge Zampano interjected that he was getting the impression that the company was pulling back from acknowledging its guilt. He

Iranian Police Move to Quell New Violence

TEHRAN, March 31 (UPI)—Police reinforcements moved into Iran's troubled cities today to quell new violence resulting from a general strike called by the nation's underground political opposition.

At least four persons were killed and eight were injured yesterday in violence accompanying a one-day general strike to commemorate the deaths of 14 demonstrators last month in anti-government riots in Tabriz.

Officials said that unidentified demonstrators struck in several cities and damaged public and private buildings, automobiles and other property in "barbaric, cowardly" acts late last night and early today.

Authorities said there was a possibility that "anti-national elements" might take advantage of forthcoming religious ceremonies and "stir up more trouble."

told the lawyer that Olin could withdraw the no contest plea and proceed to trial if he wanted. The lawyer quickly declined.

Richard Blumenthal, the U.S. attorney for Connecticut who had unsuccessfully sought to have the company plead guilty rather than no contest to the charges, made no recommendation to the judge on sentencing, following standard government practice.

Sales of \$1.47 Billion

Judge Zampano said that, with 2,500 employees in New Haven, including 1,700 in its Winchester arms division, Olin was the largest industrial employer in the city and had been here more than 100 years. Sales last year for Olin, which has its corporate headquarters in Stamford, totaled \$1.47 billion.

The judge said that the corporation had a special obligation to make amends for its illegal acts "to the people of this community." He cited a probation report on Olin that said workers at the Winchester division were "very concerned" over the company's violation of the arms embargo to South Africa because of its apartheid policy of racial separation. Winchester has many black workers.

He said details of the charity program would have to be worked out by Olin and the government and would involve establishment of a corporation to administer the funds and a board of directors to determine which programs would benefit.

After a recess in chambers, the judge said that Olin had offered to make its legal staff available to set up the corporation so that none of the \$510,000 would have to be used "for high-priced lawyers."

The judge added that Olin lawyers could also look into the "best tax advantages" for the imposed contributions. Company officials declined to speculate on the nature of any tax benefits pending the creation of the charitable corporation and the specific nature of its philanthropy.

Moderate Alaska Quake

PALMER, Alaska, March 31 (UPI)—A moderate earthquake shook a wide area of south-central Alaska yesterday with no reports of serious damage. A spokesman at the Alaskan Tsunami Warning Center said the quake was felt in Anchorage, Kenai and Palmer.



DISTRACTING—Delta Airlines has decided to remove these billboards from New York City area after Automobile Club of New York said that they distracted drivers.

Research Group Tells Congress**Problems Likely to Delay 1st Space Shuttle Launch**

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—An independent study panel told Congress today that unresolved engine problems are likely to delay the first manned orbital flight of the space shuttle, scheduled for launching one year from today.

In a commissioned report, a National Research Council committee expressed worry that mounting pressure to meet the schedule might lead to corner cutting in engine tests. But the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said that it would never sacrifice safety to meet a launch schedule.

The NRC panel said that the schedule "is so compressed it generates an atmosphere that seems to inhibit realistic evaluations of the problems encountered so far."

The problems involve a highly advanced hydrogen-oxygen rock-

et engine that will be used in sets of three to help propel the plane from the launch pad to orbit in eight minutes. Unlike previous rockets, the main shuttle engine is designed to be used again.

The troubles of the last year in ground tests involve four high-speed, turbine-driven pumps that deliver frigid liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen to the combustion chamber at high pressure. There have been cracks, fractures, leaks and in one case, a serious test-stand fire.

"It appears the development will take more time than planned," the report said. "The committee finds that the problems now being encountered are not alarming but rather typify the early stage of any similar new technological development."

Schmidt Meets U.S. Official

HAMBURG, March 31 (AP)—U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt today to discuss the neutron weapon and other topics.

Mr. Christopher arrived from Bonn where he met with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher yesterday.

There was no immediate statement about the outcome of Mr. Christopher's talks with Mr. Schmidt.

By Margot Hornblower

WASHINGTON, March 31 (WP)—A coalition including almost every major U.S. environmental group yesterday accused the Carter administration of breaking its word and "subverting" proposed federal water policy changes.

President Carter last year promised to halt the building of expensive and sometimes environmentally destructive dams, to provide incentives to cut down water consumption, and to stop subsidizing large irrigation, navigation and other commercial interests. A water policy statement is now under review at the White House and is expected to reach Mr. Carter's desk in a few weeks.

But, according to the Coalition for Water Projects Review, the administration is now "dancing to a different tune: the old policies of pork barrel [patronage] and of sacrificing rivers, streams and wetlands to the demands of narrow groups and powerful beneficiaries."

Major Break

The denunciation, at a press conference by representatives of the Coalition, and of the National Wildlife Federation, the National Audubon Society and the Environmental Policy Center, represents a significant break between the Carter administration and the environmental community that has so strongly supported it.

The coalition specifically attacked Vice-President Mondale and Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, who coalition coordinator John Burdick said has "made one concession after another." Mr. Burdick cited recent approvals of Denver's Foothills project and North Dakota's Garrison irrigation project, both of which are strongly opposed by environmentalists.

Mr. Burdick said that Mr. Mondale has refused to meet with conservationists, but that he spoke almost exclusively to "the powerful resource extractors—timber interests, mining interests, cattlemen and water development interests," during a recent trip to the West, adding that Mr. Mondale "has been active behind the scenes to water down [proposed] reforms."

'Crying Before Hurt'

"Our critics seem to be crying before they are hurt," Mr. Andrus replied in a statement. "My water policy recommendations have not even gone to the President yet. As for the individual water projects, we stand accused of listening carefully to both sides and trying to be fair and responsible. I hope we can get past the grandstanding phase of this whole debate and down to the merits."

Mr. Mondale's office said: "While the Vice-President has not yet reviewed agency recommen-

On Water Policy Effort**Ecology Groups Criticize White House**

dations, he has instructed his staff to follow the matter closely. This study is being undertaken in the context of the President's commitment not to preempt state or local water rights.

The Natural Resources Defense Council told Mr. Mondale in a separate letter that his staffers were undermining reforms by advocating only minimal repayment of dam construction costs by irrigation farmers and other users, by proposing to

exempt states from revisionary revisions for paying part of the costs, and by opposing a policy to maintain sufficient water streams for cities, fish and wildlife.

Thomas Kimball of the National Wildlife Federation, the largest U.S. conservation group, said that a recent poll showed that its 3.5-million members "clearly feel the Carter administration is retreating from promises it made in the past."

Bell Blames Nixon Era For FBI Break-Ins, Taps

WASHINGTON, March 31 (NYT)—Attorney General Griffin Bell said yesterday that although Justice Department investigators have found no evidence that anyone outside of the FBI authorized illegal break-ins and wiretaps in the early 1970s, he believes that the Nixon administration created an "atmosphere" that led to these activities.

"There are two ways you can do things," he said. "You can do things specifically by direct authorization, or you can have an atmosphere which exhorts people to get results."

Asked if he believes that such an atmosphere was created by Nixon administration officials who were anxious to have FBI agents locate Weather Underground fugitives, Mr. Bell said, "I do."

Mr. Bell confirmed that, as was first reported yesterday by the Daily News, some of his investigators had questioned former President Richard Nixon about whether he had ordered the use of such techniques.

March Interview

The interview, an aide later said, took place March 22, at Mr. Nixon's home in San Clemente, Calif. Mr. Nixon was said to have had an attorney present, but it could not be learned whether he had been questioned under oath.

Mr. Bell said that it had been reported back to him that Mr. Nixon, like some of the former White House officials who had been questioned earlier, had said that he had not given such orders, or been aware that such activities were taking place.

To date, only one person, a former agent named John Kearney, has been indicted in connection with the break-ins, which were committed in New York in the early 1970s by members of Squad 47—which was under his supervision. Other FBI agents and offi-

cials had told Mr. Bell that they believed high officials at the Justice Department and possibly the White House had been aware of the activities, and that they were unfair to charge only Mr. Kearney and not some of the superiors as well.

With the five-year statute limitations on the offenses scheduled to elapse in a matter of weeks, the investigation is said to be focusing on three former FBI officials, Mark Felt and Edward Miller, who have said publicly that they authorized some of the activities, and Patrick Gray, the former acting director. Mr. Gray has said through a lawyer that he never authorized any illegal activities.

Mr. Bell said that he will meet Wednesday with staff lawyers working on the case, and make final decisions in a matter of days.

Top Ill. Court Won't Rehear Anti-Nazi Suit

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 31 (AP)—The Illinois Supreme Court has turned down a petition asking it to hear again a suit sought to stop Nazis from meeting in the heavily Jewish suburb of Skokie.

The court yesterday denied a petition for a rehearing brought against Nazi leader Frank Collin by Sol Glickman, acting on behalf of Skokie's Nazi death camps.

The Supreme Court dismissed the suit on Jan. 27. It was filed by a group called the Citizens for the Preservation of the Holocaust, a group contended that psychological and emotional scars caused by their death camp imprisonment would force them to react violently to a planned Nazi march.

The court ruled in January the suit was almost identical to one filed by the village of Skokie. The state Supreme Court met the Nazis' favor in the decision.

An attorney for the suit said the group planned to turn to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Criticism Prohibited

Strict South Korean Laws Muzzle Dissident Writers

By William Chapman

SEOUL, March 31 (UPI)—Yang Sung U, a South Korean poet in his early 30s, wrote a long poem, entitled "Diary of a Slave," which depicts his countrymen as impoverished and oppressed by the government.

It could not have been published in his country, so Mr. Yang managed to get it printed in a Japanese magazine last year. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to three years in prison for violating President Park Chung Hee's proclamation prohibiting criticism of the government.

Park Nak Chong's crime was publishing a book of essays about life in China, written by people who have traveled or lived there—John Kenneth Galbraith, Harrison Salisbury, Edgar Snow and others. Mr. Park was charged with violating a law that forbids the writing or publication of material praising Communism. He is now on trial and faces a possible seven-year sentence.

The authorities were more lenient with Park Yang Ho, who wrote an allegorical short story called "Crazy Bird." Modeled on George Orwell's "Animal Farm," it portrays South Koreans as frightened chickens guarded by dogs who reward their submission with handouts of food. Charges against Mr. Park have been dropped and he has been released after serving a month in prison. At least half a dozen writers and publishers have been arrested in recent months for works considered hostile to the government.

South Korea has no formal prior censorship law, but a number of books have been effectively banned because the Ministry of Culture and Information refused to permit their distribution and sale within South Korea. The ministry requires that any published book be submitted for approval before distribution. It can prevent its circulation entirely or require changes in editorial content.

Most publishers avoid the risk by declining to publish anything that the government might not approve. A dissident said. A single offensive passage can mean that a book must be rewritten, reprinted and rebound.

In the past, officials have said that dissent—written or spoken—must be tightly restricted. The reason, they said, is that their North Korean enemies interpret criticism of the government as a sign of weakness. This prolongs the division of Korea, they said, and might even encourage the

North Koreans to wage war against the South.

Criticism Prohibited

Few South Korean writers have international reputations and the obstacles they face are hardly known except by their friends here. Since political criticism is strictly prohibited outside of the National Assembly by laws and proclamations dating from the early 1970s, many writers have turned to poetry and allegorical fiction as vehicles for their protests. Even those veiled criticisms have provoked arrests and trials, however.

South Korea's most famous poet, Kim Chi Ha, is serving a life term for having allegedly manipulated a student demonstration against the government in 1974. He was released in 1975, but then indicted again and imprisoned for two of his works.

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Softening Seen

One dissident said last week that the government seems to be easing slightly its restraints on writers. He cited the case of two who published anti-government works of a young poet and were arrested for violating a presidential proclamation. They were released after a month in prison.

The case of Park Yang Ho, who wrote the satirical story "Crazy Bird," is also mentioned as a sign that the authorities are lessening their punishment. The charges against Mr. Park were dropped, the Justice Ministry official said, because "it was his first offense and to the prosecutors he had the look of being repentant."

His book reportedly enjoyed considerable underground popularity before the government determined that it was potentially dangerous. "The Crazy Bird" of the title is a chicken who tries to persuade other chickens that they can fly to freedom and escape their watchdog guards, a suggestion that South Koreans should attempt to assert their civil liberties. In the end, the bird fails and is killed by one of the dogs.



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In Washington Bribery Case

Seoul May Aid U.S. Probe of Envoy

SEOUL, March 31 (NYT)—For the first time in many weeks, South Korean officials yesterday hinted that they might cooperate in obtaining testimony from Kim Dong Jo, the former Korean ambassador to Washington who is accused of trying to buy influence for Seoul in Congress.

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investigators when they confront Mr. Kim here.

Former Envoy to Washington

Mr. Kim was South Korea's ambassador to Washington from 1967 to 1973. He is now a special assistant on national security affairs to President Park. Mr. Kim has denied all charges linking him to payoffs of congressmen while he was in Washington.

In trying to satisfy the demand

Dutch Propose Panel on Arms

GENEVA, March 31 (AP)—The Netherlands yesterday proposed the formation of an international organization to implement future arms control and disarmament treaties.

The envisaged organization essentially would verify treaties, arrange review conferences and serve as a clearing house for disarmament information. The Dutch delegate to the 30-nation disarmament conference, Richard Fein, suggested.

Mr. Fein said that his government offered the idea as "a very modest proposal" to the forthcoming special session of the UN General Assembly on disarmament because several countries have expressed interest in such an organization.

Obituaries

Dr. Charles Best, Aided In Discovery of Insulin

TORONTO, March 31 (UPI)—Dr. Charles Herbert Best, 79, the U.S.-born physician who helped save the lives of millions of diabetics because he was the co-discoverer of insulin, died today.

Born in Pembroke, Maine, in 1899, Dr. Best was the son of a Canadian-born country doctor, and often made the rounds with his father in a horse and buggy.

Dr. Best went to the University of Toronto to study arts but his education was interrupted by military service in World War I. When he returned, he switched to physiology and biochemistry.

He was a 21-year-old undergraduate when he accepted an invitation from the late Dr. Frederick Banting to help isolate the hormone insulin, leading to the discovery that saved or lengthened the lives of an estimated 40 million diabetics around the world.

Dr. Banting, at the time a 29-year-old orthopedist from London, Ontario, convinced the late Dr. J.R. MacLeod, then head of the University of Toronto's physiology department, to loan him and Dr. Best a laboratory.

For eight weeks in the summer of 1921 they lived in the lab, unpaid, spending their own money for test animals and supplies, seeking a hormone secreted by the pancreas that stimulates the body to change sugar into energy.

After weeks of watching their test animals die, the researchers injected a moribund dog with a substance extracted from a steer pancreas. The dog soon stood up and licked their hands.

Six months later, a dying 14-year-old diabetic boy became the first human to control the disease with insulin.

Dr. Banting and Dr. MacLeod—because he was head of the department where the discovery was made—received the 1923 Nobel Prize. Dr. Banting, angry that Dr. Best was overlooked, split his prize money with him.

Dr. MacLeod said later, "I did not win the Nobel Prize for my discovery of insulin, but for my discovery of Best."

Dwayne Wilson, Providence, R.I., March 31 (AP)—Dwayne E.S. (Fatman) Wilson, 40, the 400-pound blues singer who toured the United States with big-name bands in the 1950s, died Monday of a heart attack.

William Foster, London, March 31 (AP)—Air Vice-Marshal William Foster,

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On the Latin Trail

Jimmy Carter, for all his compassion for the poor, does not command the political and economic resources to go around the Third World promising a grand U.S.-led assault on world poverty. In his speech to Venezuela's legislature, he made no such promises. Rather, prudently, he underlined U.S. interest in continuing a "dialogue" the establishment of "a more just international order," and he suggested that three in groups of states have distinct roles to play. The industrialized nations are to provide (mostly private) capital, technology and markets, the oil-cartel members their "surplus wealth," and the poor countries a growing measure of "responsible participation" in the evolving world economy. In brief, easy as it is: no revolutions, no sudden wrenches, no loud shouting — an acceptance in politics and manners of the U.S. logic of interdependence.

It was not a presentation calculated to thrill a Third World audience. Some segments of the Third World, though not necessarily Venezuelans, prefer the United States admit an exploiter's guilt and start coughing up "reparations." Others, more reasonably, find the United States inattentive to long-term self-interest. The Carter speech

was, however, respectful of the aspirations, if not all of the anguish of poor nations and of "middle class" nations like Venezuela. They will judge the President and the United States by performance anyway. And the speech did not take Mr. Carter into realms of expectation in which he risks being undercut at home. That way lies only the shrinking of the public support for development that Mr. Carter should be working carefully to expand.

By visiting two Latin American countries (Venezuela and Brazil) President Carter implicitly underlines the "special relationship" the United States has with Latin America. It is a tie that, as Venezuelan writer Carlos Rangel observes, Latin Americans are as loathe to live with as they are to let go. In focusing on development, Mr. Carter at once responds to a Latin American preoccupation and reminds Latin Americans that, in Rangel's words, they are in North American eyes "failed co-participants in the great joint venture of settling the New World." That is how one explains the mixture of genuine warmth and prickly pride that Mr. Carter found in Venezuela.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

Judicial Omnipotence

Like other public officials, judges need to be protected from angry losers. That's why the Supreme Court a hundred years ago established the doctrine that judges are immune from damage suits based on claims at their judicial acts have wrongly harmed someone. Judges would not feel free to make incipit or unpopular decisions in controversial cases if losers could hound them with litigation charging malice or corruption. But the Supreme Court this week carried the doctrine too far in the case of a young woman who was sterilized after what was, at best, kangaroo-court proceeding. Its decision grants unchecked power to judges to act pretty, conspiratorially and even illegally without fear of being sued for damages; they need only invoke the right of judicial trappings.

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Consider the facts of this case. In 1971, an African woman presented to a local judge a petition to have her 15-year-old daughter sterilized. The mother stated under oath that the girl was "somewhat retarded" (although she had been promoted with her class in school each year), that she associated with der men and had stayed overnight with them on several occasions, and that sterilization would be in her best interest "to prevent unfortunate circumstances." The judge signed the petition—without notifying her of holding a hearing or filing the petition in court. He acted, what is more, without any specific grant of power under Indiana law. A week later, the girl was sterilized at a time when her appendix was removed. One year later, after she was married, she discovered what had been done and sued the judge, her mother, her mother's lawyer and doctors for damages.

The Supreme Court ruled, 5 to 3, that the judge is immune from the suit. What he did

was a "judicial act," the court says, because signing the petition is an act normally undertaken by a judge, and the parties were dealing with him as a judge. He would not be immune, the court said, only if he clearly lacked jurisdiction over the petition. He had jurisdiction, it explained, because Indiana law gave him broad, general power and did not specifically bar him from handling such matter.

For the reasons set out eloquently by Justice Potter Stewart in dissent, we think the Supreme Court's logic is defective. It permits judges to abuse their power without fear of redress. Just recently, a judge in New York ordered the immediate arrest of a street vendor who had sold his bailiff a cup of coffee the judge did not like. That, under the Supreme Court's formula, was a "judicial act." But even that, as gross as it may have been, was quite different in character. The vendor, in theory at least, could get a judge of a higher court to set him free. The girl who was sterilized had no opportunity to appeal to a higher court and no way to change the permanent effect of the "judicial" order on her life.

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As Justice Lewis Powell pointed out in his dissent, the Supreme Court simply ignored the basic reason why a nation can run the risk of granting its judges a certain immunity. It is that their acts as judges are, almost without exception, subject to review before they create permanent damage. A single judge, acting wrongfully or spitefully or illegally, can harm you temporarily in many ways. But he should never have unlimited power to make that harm permanent on his word alone. That blatant immunity is what the court has granted. It is a deeply disturbing step toward judicial omnipotence.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

International Opinion

Help for Vietnam?

The UN reports that humanitarian aid for Vietnam is needed. But what Hanoi is doing South Vietnam is just as destructive as the war was, though it is more gradual and not quite as horrible as what is happening in Cambodia. Hundreds of thousands are incarcerated in "re-education camps" for no better reason than that they defended their homeland. The South Vietnamese have to

work where and how their northern masters command. Mail and newspapers are censored and any foreign correspondent whose reports go beyond the need for foreign aid is booted out. Why should aid be given to a regime with no respect for personal freedom or any other of the human rights, a regime avowedly determined to destroy everything our own civilization stands for?

—From the Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

Other U.S. Opinion

Solar Rays

It was a warm feeling, of sorts, to know at the new U.S. Department of Energy has decided that it will support Sun Day on May 15. Solar energy is no panacea. But it could be a major slice of the energy pie by the year 2000, supplying as much as 25 per cent of total energy supplies, according to some estimates. What is needed most today is applied research, experimenting more with available technology to come up with the best solar systems. Washington can play a crucial role in encouraging applied research, supplying data on research activities and coordinating private and government efforts. A strong solar program, coupled with an

equally strong energy conservation effort, are two crucial parts of any national energy policy that hopes to help the country make it through some of the difficult transition years ahead before a major breakthrough to abundant, safe energy supplies through something like fusion.

The DOE endorsement of Sun Day means that the department will offer technical assistance. Facilities run by the government can be included in Sun Day tours. Funding will be available for TV and radio spots. Speakers will be provided to citizen groups and DOE exhibits will be accessible to those wanting them.

—From the Atlanta Journal.

In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 1, 1903

AFIA — A bridge on the Turkish-Oriental railways was blown up with dynamite early today, between Adrianople and Mustapha Pasha, at a point 3 kilometers from the latter place. The explosion occurred 30 minutes after the passage of the Orient Express. It is believed the intention was to blow up the train, but that the explosion was delayed owing to a defective mechanism. Police are continuing to investigate.

Fifty Years Ago

April 1, 1928

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Northwest forests in summer are threatened by a new menace — the throwing of glowing cigarette and cigar ends from airplanes by aerial passengers. The newly established air service between Seattle and San Francisco uses eight-passenger planes. Each passenger sits by a window that may be opened in warm weather. There are signs stating that butts should not be thrown out the window, but the instructions are not always followed.



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Carter Defends World Bank

By Graham Hovey

WASHINGTON—Responding to grim warnings from Capitol Hill, the Carter administration has mounted an intensive campaign to prevent Congress from crippling the World Bank and other financial institutions.

Recently, for example, Vice President Mondale met with five congressmen over breakfast at the White House to discuss the problem, and his staff let it be known that he was planning more strategic sessions with leaders of both houses of Congress and both political parties.

As part of a concurrent effort, Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., has called a meeting April 26 of members of four Senate committees with Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank. A Javits aide said the senator was concerned that the importance of foreign aid was "not being explained coherently to the American people."

At the breakfast meeting, Mr. Mondale was told bluntly that an all-out administration drive was long overdue to shore up support for the international organizations by "educating" congressmen, especially newcomers, on the importance of international agencies for the United States.

"I told him that something equivalent to what they did on the Panama Canal treaties would be required," said Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., a strong supporter of the financial institutions.

Funding

Since it began operations more than 30 years ago, the World Bank has funded about 1,100 projects in nearly 100 countries at a total invested cost of \$60 billion. The World Bank disposes of authorized capital of \$34 billion, of which the current U.S. share is just under 25 per cent.

The Inter-American Development Bank, the largest of the regional banks disposes of total authorized capital of \$10.3 billion, of which the U.S. share is \$3.6 billion. Since it started functioning in 1961, it has made 1,046 loans for a total of \$12 billion.

Appropriations bills for the international institutions now are moving through the legislative mill, menaced as they were last year by proposed funding cuts and by amendments that would interfere critically with their lending authority.

Although the charters of the World Bank and regional development banks specify that loans can be made only on economic grounds, influential congressmen are trying to add in human-rights factors.

Other forces in Congress are seeking to block any use of U.S. funds for loans to countries trying to increase their exports of products that might compete in world markets with U.S. products. Still others question the efficacy of the institutions in getting funds where they are needed. And there is a sizable congressional bloc, which is supported by the administration, that would like to see sharp cuts in the salaries and benefits offered by the institutions.

All these attempted interventions coincide with growing doubts in Congress as to whether

the United States should be routing more than 40 per cent of its total foreign-aid budget through multilateral institutions not subject to close scrutiny by Congress.

The forces that threaten the future of the international institutions, or at least effective U.S. participation in them, thus constitute an unusual alliance of human-rights liberals, ultraconservatives, protectionists and disillusioned internationalists.

In a last-ditch effort to head off crippling amendments last year, President Carter promised to instruct United States representatives at the international banks to vote against loans in two categories:

• To Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Cuba, Angola, Mozambique and Uganda, all countries for which the House had voted earlier to bar any use of U.S. funds.

• For the production of sugar, palm oil and citrus fruits where these would be for export "and could injure producers in the United States."

Backers of the international institutions were dismayed.

Argued

They argued that the votes and behavior of the U.S. delegates, as ordered by the President, would politicize and undermine the international institutions as surely as the congressional amendments would have done.

In particular, Rep. Conte said that the promised votes against loans for three commodities, in effect, invited every member with "a commodity problem" to tack on an amendment the next time around.

An added trouble this year is that the United States is \$835 million in arrears on pledged contributions to the World Bank (formerly known as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development), the Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank, as a result of congressional cuts in the two previous years.

Rather than ask for a supplemental appropriation to wipe out these deficits, the administration decided to add the \$835 million to its regular budget request for fiscal 1979.

Thus, the 1979 request was for \$3.5 billion, including the \$1.4 billion of callable capital, or funds that will not be spent unless one of the international banks should sustain its first default ever on a loan.

Critics

Critics cite the \$3.5 billion as representing increases of 82 per cent over fiscal 1978 and 200 per cent over fiscal 1977.

They are taking aim particularly at the request of \$1.5 billion for the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's so-called soft-loan window, where interest-free, long-term credits are designed to aid development in the poorest countries.

The request for the IDA is a tempting target because it is swollen by an overlap and by the refusal of Congress last year to vote

on appropriation it had specifically authorized in 1977.

So the administration is asking \$750 million for the IDA's fourth replenishment of funds and \$800 million more for part of its fifth replenishment.

Donors

All of the 24 other donor countries have already completed their contributions to the \$4.5 billion fourth replenishment, of which the total U.S. share was about one-third. But the other 26 donors for the \$7.6 billion fifth replenishment have indicated they will hold back their deliveries of funds until they can be assured that the United States will fulfill its \$2.4 billion pledge.

If Congress should refuse to complete the fourth replenishment contribution, the Treasury Department says that by June the United States would be in default on "a legally binding international obligation."

Officials say the effect of an American default would be disastrous for the poor countries. "I frankly don't think there is a chance" of getting the fourth replenishment money for the IDA Congress this year.

U.S. Law System

It is always heartening to observe the spirit of the U.S. character when it inquires after the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Many of us hope that such a terrible fact of history will not rest easily, and that those who might have been involved, but for some reason or other, were not discovered will be found out, no matter who they be.

But one must ask of the U.S. public a serious question. Does it believe, in light of the Justice Department's recent ill performance over Watergate prosecutions and convictions, in light of the full flaunting of the law with regard to full prosecutions in the My Lai massacre (as sordid an event that military history could record), does the public believe that guilt will be punished if those guilty were, by design or by happenstance, members of the CIA, or any other secret agency of the federal government?

It should be observed that U.S. common law has been under a unified attack not only from organized crime in the United States, but, however paradoxical this is to assert, by the secret service agencies of the U.S. government itself. Subornation, on numerous occasions, has not been punished as a felony in the United States; government officials have been actively encouraged to plead to lesser offences, at the instigation or cooperation of the Justice Department itself. Felonies, which by any other would be felonies, have been overlooked if they have been committed in the line of duty (as were FBI robberies).

What one must ask is: How long can a criminal law system tolerate a Justice Department, as well as agencies of government, which seek to undermine the rule

In Lebanon Crisis

UN's Quiet Service

By James Reston

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The United Nations seems to be everybody's favorite whipping-boy these days, but in the latest Lebanon crisis, it was the UN, as usual, that had to organize the peace-keeping troops.

It is only at times like these that the UN is recognized, not much but some, as a useful instrument in world affairs. When the major nations have the will to use it in emergencies, as they did after Israel's counter-invasion of the Lebanon, the UN can act with admirable dispatch. It is "useless" only when the members of the Security Council decide not to use it.

Secretary-General Waldheim is trying to expand its role now in two different ways. He is concerned about the stalemate in the bilateral negotiations on the Middle East, and is hoping that some kind of preliminary or exploratory consultations can begin here to keep the Middle East talks going. And he is worried that the decline in U.S.-Soviet relations may impede progress at the UN disarmament conference here in May.

Arms Parley

Accordingly, he is trying to persuade President Carter and President Brezhnev of the Soviet Union to attend the disarmament conference, and to use this occasion for a private discussion of their differences. They have agreed in principle to meet after they have agreed on a (second) strategic arms limitation treaty, but Waldheim fears that they will not reach an agreement unless they meet ahead of time and remove the suspicions that are now hampering the negotiations on both sides.

President Carter has indicated that he will address the disarmament conference. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France is showing more interest in the United Nations. He not only agreed to put French troops into the peace-keeping force in the Lebanon (without being asked to do so), but will come here for the disarmament conference with major new proposals. This will be the first time a French president has addressed the General Assembly. Thus, Secretary-General Waldheim is hoping that this conference will bring other major world leaders here for a public presentation of their arms proposals, and perhaps more important, for an informal series of discussions on their other differences in the Middle East and Africa.

Hampered

So far, he has received little encouragement from Brezhnev, and even the process of discussion has been hampered by the recent disappearance of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, who, like Brezhnev, is said to be in poor health.

Waldheim is being told by Soviet officials — and has been told personally by Brezhnev — that Moscow simply does not understand President Carter's attitude toward the Soviet Union. And the United States is telling him precisely the same thing about its failure to understand what Moscow is doing, particularly in Angola, Ethiopia and elsewhere in Africa.

Various private efforts have been made on both sides to per-

suade the other that there has been no basic change in the policy of "détente," with both insisting that they want a SALT II agreement and a reduction of tensions.

It was the intention of the U.S. Congressional delegation recently in Moscow to explain why a SALT II treaty was not likely to be accepted in Capitol Hill so long as Moscow was interfering militarily in the Horn of Africa, but Brezhnev would not see them.

It is for this reason that Waldheim feels a Carter-Brezhnev personal meeting is essential, and Prime Minister James Callaghan of Britain has been carrying the same message to Washington in the last few days.

Officials at the UN are puzzled by what they regard as a changing mood of Soviet officials here. Moscow didn't vote for sending UN troops into Lebanon but it permitted them to do so by abstaining rather than vetoing the project.

At the same time, the Soviet Union, which originally approved Waldheim's suggestion (for exploratory discussions on a Middle East comprehensive settlement at the UN is now showing little interest in the proposal, and is insisting on a formal conference at Geneva, which is opposed by most of the parties to the Middle East dispute.

So for the time being, there is an ominous pause in the Middle East peace process. The Russians are saying very little in Paris, but heating up their propaganda against Israel, the United States, and President Sadat of Egypt.

Meanwhile, the United States has called off its diplomatic bulldog service between Israel at the Arab states, and the Israelis in the process of changing their long-term missions both to the United Nations and, later this year, in Washington.

The UN peace troops, however, are planning to occupy a strip of south Lebanon and hoping to evacuate the Israeli settlers. They are performing this "thankless task in the Sinai or on the Golan Heights, in Cyprus or in Kashmir, and planning to do as well in Rhodesia and Namibia. Waldheim would like to see more nations set aside peace-keeping units, as Norway, for example, has done, to be ready for these recurring emergencies, but he is proud of the response he has received in Lebanon.

"No doubt we could do it," he says, "and maybe we will in the Middle East and on disarmament later on, but we can only what the members of the UN permit us to do."

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U.S. Law System

and sanctions of the criminal law in the pursuit of justice and in the punishment of felons? These questions cloud whatever answer can be given to those who may have had some part in President Kennedy's death, and, at the same time, may have been agents in the employ of the American government.

One asks: Who guards the guards? J.M.B. CRAWFORD, London.

Shrinking Britain

I'm worried about the physical shrinking of Britain discovered by Roy Reed on his trip to the Shetlands (HT, March 27). He has found that these islands are now only 600 miles from London and that correspondingly Edinburgh has moved closer too, now being only 300 miles away. My obviously outdated atlas gives these distances as 800 and 400 miles respectively. At this rate of contraction, the Shetlanders' problem will soon be solved by their being literally merged into London.

GEORGE SCHOPFLI, London

The Little Board

There is so much bad news it seems that even the nuptial Herald Tribune has forgotten how to feature good news. March 27, the HT buried the loving happy time in the last tence of its stock market report. On Thursday the Amex, an index value index finished at 128.01, highest closing since the it was inaugurated in September 1973.

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ALFRED E. DAVIDSON, Paris.

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THE ART MARKET

Academic Talk Comes Alive

By Souren Melikian

PARIS, March 31 (IHT)—On the last leg of an improbable journey that started in Indonesia and took them to five Western European countries, 12 stone carvings of the 8th and 9th centuries from Borobudur, the most mysterious shrine of Asian Buddhism, have arrived in Paris.

Supplemented by works from other Indonesian sites, they are pretentiously displayed at the Palais in one of the most interesting exhibitions of the last 10 years.

Borobudur remains a riddle in a though over 500 articles and 10-length books have been written on the subject. Here the enigma is no longer the subject of inviolated discussions between scholars expressing themselves in Anglo-Sanskrit. It suddenly comes alive through fragments of a monument that has been dismantled so that its crumbling can be rebuilt, a project which followed a worldwide campaign initiated by Unesco.

One does not have to be a specialist in this art to be struck by authority. The bas-reliefs illustrate events from the Buddha's life with the self-confidence that characterizes all classic forms of conveying a religious message. The composition is strong, each element stands out clearly. However, precise some scenes may be, such as a fascinating representation of a vessel sailing the high seas and looking like a Renaissance galleon, they never seem aided or fussy.

Sense of Purpose

The carvings may be technical, weak, a frequent occurrence in Indonesian art, but they never lack a strength of sorts. Even the

semi-provincial appearance of some, such as a charming carving of a big tortoise carrying a smaller one on its back amid jumping dolphins and sharks, cannot make one forget the sense of a purpose.

This is more striking still with the free-standing sculptures. The seated Buddhas may seem far inferior to the contemporary works of Cambodia or Korea, as indeed they are; the proportions are mostly wrong, the smiles lack that illuminating quality of Khmer art. Yet, all along, the precise gestures of these gawky figures retain a kind of majesty. The greatest of the idea survived in a country far removed from the idea's home, despite any material failures.

This comes across strikingly in the structure itself, which is shown at the exhibition in two beautiful aerial views that could not have been taken a few years ago when the pedestal was not fully uncovered by recent excavation work.

A low 123-meter-square base, supports five receding platforms which give it the appearance of a pyramid. Then the square gives way to the circle. Three circular platforms also of gradually diminishing size, each one lined by bell-shaped structures enclosing seated Buddhas, lead up to the ultimate platform on which there stands one single bell-shaped structure. Even without knowing what it all means, one is aware of the compelling logic of a concept made a monument.

The Quest of Sudhana

Heated arguments have been raging among Western scholars trying to penetrate that logic. The square platforms are lined with low walls carved with bas-reliefs from which most experts have

sought to find the explanation. It has been said that those on the first platform describe the world of contingency while the next three illustrate the quest of Sudhana, a young Indian prince who set out in search of ways to free himself from the law that dooms man to an ever-recurring process—the sum total of his actions in one life conditioning the new form in which he will live the next life.

An initiation progress may have been intended for pilgrims, for the sequence of images guides the ascending visitor from the chaos of the world through the stages of the prince's quest. On the fifth platform other texts are illustrated. This induced a scholar to contend that the diversity of the texts used points to a multiplicity of projects executed at widely separated periods—an assumption that seems farfetched in view of the rigorous consistency of the overall design.

The bell-shaped structures on the circular platforms that look like stupas—originally mausoleums erected over relics of the Lord Buddha—have been the subject of further debates. Buddhist themselves have been hesitant concerning these mysteries. And to them Borobudur is much more than a subject of scholarly interest. It still is a major pilgrimage center.

The answer that comes closest to a solution may have just been given by a Tibetan dignitary, Dvags-po Rinpoche, who lives in the West. After visiting the exhibition and observing the aerial view, he pointed out to a Western scholar that one could not question that the ground plan is designed as a cosmic image, a mandala. The stupas on top need not contradict this interpretation for



Buddha which decorates lower platform of Borobudur.

stupas can be the seat of a Buddha in his assembly. That would fit in with the idea of an initiation progress. As a disciple enters a mandala, mentally or physically, he is guided by a master who then identifies himself with the Buddha.

But even given this plausible explanation, difficult questions remain.

Early History

This aura of mystery is part of the general haziness that shrouds the entire history of early Buddhism down to the 8th century at least. Dating and tracing the origin of many of its works can be problematic.

The finest sculpture of the exhibition, the bust of a bronze

Buddha draped in a robe stylized with calligraphic perfection, is one of those masterpieces of Asian sculpture. The face has a Western Asiatic look and is not far removed from some Iranian portraits carved in low relief about the 3d century. Indeed, looking at the bronze, one is reminded of another mysterious masterpiece, a Buddhist marble head at Paris's Musée Guimet with comparable features but given a 3d century date. Is the bronze in the current exhibition not much earlier than stated. And does it really come from Ceylon as is suggested?

It is fitting, by Eastern standards, that so much beauty should be so hard to identify.

and finally dips down to pour out its contents, after which it bounces back up, nods around, right and left, and fills up once more. Such magic fountains should, of course, be in public gardens where they would be turned on at certain hours. The reliefs are made of flat wood cut out in circles, squares, etc. They have a 1930-ish flavor, except that they move slowly and sneakily, so that although we practically do not perceive the movement, we can sometimes get the uncanny sense of a living, invisible presence.

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THEATER IN LONDON

Like Uriah Heep on Speed

By John Walker

LONDON, March 31 (IHT)—It is still the off-season for British musicals. The latest, "The Travelling Music Show," at Her Majesty's, is subtitled "A Sort of Songbook," and that, indeed, is what it turns out to be: sort of songs, sort of composed by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley.

That the evening is a sort of a success is entirely due to the performance of its star, Bruce Forsyth, who is hardly off the stage for two-and-a-half hours. But it is entirely a triumph of personality, hard work and professionalism over material.

The score consists mainly of old songs written by Bricusse and Newley, either separately or together, for previous musicals, such as "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off," "The Good Old, Bad Old Days" and "Dr. Dolittle."

They are performed within a framework that is a variation of the usual Bricusse-Newley book, the sentimentalized story of a little chap battling against the odds and winning. In this case Fred Limelight is a struggling musical performer making his last attempt at stardom by staging a show featuring the talents of himself and his family.

Backstage Hysteria

On opening night, he finds that one of the cast is missing and the action switches from frantic hysteria backstage and in the wings to polished and calm performances on stage.

That the songs can be wrenched out of their original musical contexts and still work as well, or as badly, as ever suggests their strengths and weaknesses. "If I Ruled the World," a song originally sung by Pickwick in a bad Dickensian musical, is now performed by a young girl, Katie Budd.

It loses nothing, because it never was anything more than a ballad aimed at the contemporary hit parade. The depressing part of the evening is that even those songs which were hits—"A Wonderful Day Like Today," "Talk to the Animals," "When Can I Turn To"—are very ordinary and, when delivered in bulk, deadening to the ear.

Most of them are staged, by Burt Shevelove, amid a wealth of comic business, which suggests an understandable lack of confidence in their ability to hold an audience's interest for long. But even this brightness and brassiness becomes hard to take.

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Cool Response

But it is the energetic, ever-working Bruce Forsyth who saves the show. When I saw the musical, on its second night, Forsyth was still smarting from the cool response of the first-night audience. At the end of the second night, after much applause, he was grateful enough to make a certain speech condescending to both his audiences. We, he said, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Public and were not like the snobbish first-nighters "in their fancy frocks" who were determined not to be amused.

It is true that Forsyth has a higher public following than any other British entertainer, due to his success in hosting television programs in which he encourages members of the public to play games which are either silly or humiliating. He has developed a whole battery of mannerisms to control his audience. Fortunately, he used few of them in "The Travelling Music Show," relying instead on projecting his curious public personality, which is relentlessly ingratiating. A tall, lean figure of inexhaustible energy, he wears down his audience by an aggressive humility, like Uriah Heep on speed.

The show comes most to life when he abandons any attempt to play the role of a third-rate enter-

tainer and indulges in quiz-game routines that have nothing to do with his own success.

He insults his audience outrageously, mocking their physical appearance and their accents, casting doubts on their sexual attractiveness and yet has his victims eager to be humiliated again before he apologizes.

Excellent Cast

It is a clever, quick-witted performance that is impossible not to enjoy and admire. The rest of the cast are excellent performers. Derek Griffiths is a fine comic actor, Valerie Walsh has an exuberant charm, Katie Budd a youthful eagerness and Tony Maiden has the brash appeal of the young Anthony Newley. But they have little opportunity to make the most of their talents; unlike Forsyth, they have no opportunity to step outside the show.

They are trapped within the mundane material. Even Forsyth can do little with "What Kind of

Fool Am I?", the two composers' biggest success, which he sings as a tramp, thus piling sentimentality upon trash.

Early in the show, while singing "The Candy Man," he bombards his audience with marshmallows, and that was symbolic of the whole musical—small, creamy confections being flung, with great energy and expense, over the footlights, where they fell, mostly unregarded, in the floor.

"Chicken Soup with Barley," the opening play in the first revival of Arnold Wesker's trilogy since its original production 18 years ago, opens at the Shaw Theatre on Monday. It will be followed by "Roots" on May 8 and "I'm Talking About Jerusalem" on June 12.

Nigel Williams's "Class Enemy" transfers from the Theatre Upstairs in the Royal Court on Tuesday.

A GUIDE TO FESTIVALS

PARIS, March 31 (IHT)—The following is a continuation of the listing of highlights of European music and art festivals that has appeared in the editions of March 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. A further listing will appear in the IHT editions of April 8-9.

Evian (May 4-14): Mainly for chamber music, including the third annual competition for string quartets. Aside from concerts by competing ensembles, other programs will be given by the Talich Quartet from Prague, the Elysian Wind Quintet, Niccann Zabeleta and the Prague Conservatory Orchestra and Alexandre Lugnys with the Bucharest Camerata. (Festival d'Evian, Casino Royal Hotel, Chateau de Blinay, 74500 Evian, France.)

Lucerne (Aug. 16-Sept. 7): The city celebrates its 800th anniversary and the 40th of its music festival with the usual formidable array of symphonic, chamber and solo concerts. Besides the Swiss Festival Orchestra and Basel Radio Orchestra, there will be visits by the Vienna and Berlin Philharmonics and the Chicago Symphony. The music of Leos Janacek is featured on several programs, including a concert performance of "The Makropoulos Case" by an ensemble from the Prague National Theater, and Alexander Tcherenpno (1899-1977) will be honored in a concert including his music and compositions of his father and two of his sons. (International Festival of Music, Pilatusstrasse 14, 6002 Lucerne, Switzerland.)

Edinburgh (Aug. 20-Sept. 9): This year's rich program includes the Zurich Opera's trio of Monteverdi operas, the Frankfurt Opera with works by Janacek and Luigi Nono, the Scottish Opera with "Pelleas et Melisande" and a return of last year's festival production of "Carmen." The Chicago Symphony and Dresden Staatskapelle join British orchestras in the concert program, recitals and chamber concerts are star-studded and there are daily theater and dance events, not in mention the Fringe and the Military Tattoo. (21 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1BW.)

Helsinki (Aug. 24-Sept. 9): Leading Finnish artists and ensembles and the opening of the opera, dance and theater season are supplemented by visiting ensembles among them the Ensemble Kootuapunkte, the Eder Quartet, pianists Lazar Berman, Wilhelm Kempff, Sviatoslav Richter and Peter Serkin, and there is an exhibition of art in churches. (Helsinki Festival, Unioninkatu 28, SF-00100 Helsinki 10.)

Stress (Aug. 26-Sept. 18): The Virtuosi di Roma and Collegium

Musicum Italicum da Vivaldi's "Juditha Triumphans," the Milan Radio Orchestra and Chorus do Cherubini and Verdi, and the Bamberg Symphony does Beethoven with Alicia de Larrocha. Recitalists include Hermann Prey, Yehudi Menuhin and the Eschenbach-Frantz piano duo, while Elly Ameling and Matrice Andre will be soloists with the Württemberg-Heilbronn Chamber Orchestra. (Settimane Musicali di Stress, Via R. Bonghi 4, I-28049 Stress, Italy.)

Montreux-Vevy (Aug. 31-Oct. 7): Schubert year will be marked in concerts by Hermann Prey, the Munich Nannet and pianist Christa Rorer; orchestral concerts are by the Chicago Symphony (its Swiss debut), the Bamberg Symphony, the Zurich and Slovak Chamber Orchestras, the Monte Carlo National Orchestra and the South German Radio Orchestra from Stuttgart; Les Menestriers and Musica da Camera Praga do their early-music specialties in the Chateau de Chillon on Lake Geneva, and a series of organ concerts pairs that instrument with trombone, trumpet and orchestra. (27bis Avenue des Alpes, CH-1820 Montreux, Switzerland.)

Wroclaw (Sept. 1-7): A week-long festival of oratorios and cantatas, mostly by Polish ensembles, including Britten's "War Requiem," Mahler's "Das Klagelied," Cherubini's Requiem and a staged performance of Beethoven's "Fidelio," as well as contemporary works. (Wroclaw Cantans, Swierczewskiego 19, 50044 Wroclaw, Poland.)

Entertainment In New York

NEW YORK, March 31 (IHT)—This is how The New York Times critic rates new plays and films:

Plays

"Native Son," adapted from Richard Wright's novel, "lacks the breadth and even the atmospheric detail of the original," Mel Gussow says. However, "there is no denying that this is still an incendiary work of theater." The director, Dick Gaffield, has been "generally fortunate in his choice of cast; this is particularly true in the case of Bo Rucker" as Bigger Thomas. Gussow says that "if the book has not been fully realized in the play, neither have Gaffield's intentions been fully realized in this production."

"Valpurga" is a "sprightly animated version of Ben Jonson's mordant comedy," Thomas Lask says. "It is somewhat stripped down and quite unpretentious." Coral C. Enter is Valpurga in this production, which Lask "can't imagine anyone coming away from disappointed." He says: "The play is...remarkably free of business. Thus, the players are thrown back on Jonson's plant verse, take their cues from it and mold their actions around it."

Films

"The Other Side of the Mountain, Part II," is director Larry Peerce's sequel to the 1975 film of the same name about a championship woman skier who had been paralyzed in a downhill accident. "The problem with Part II," according to Vincent Canby, is "that there are no problems. The ones that screenwriter Douglas Day Stewart has attempted to dramatize are ludicrously unbelievable." Jill Kimmont, played by Marilyn Hassett, falls in love with and eventually marries a long-distance truck driver played by Timothy Bottoms. The film "is really a 30 minute postscript to the original story blown up to feature length by artificial plot problems..."

AROUND THE GALLERIES IN EUROPE

London

Leonard Rosoman, Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W.1, to April 7. It is difficult if not impossible for even the most sophisticated European to appreciate the ineffectuality of space in Midwest America. To recent cars no one has better captured the spirit of the place than Leonard Rosoman, who in the summer of 1976 made two railroad journeys, one from Chicago to Oakland, Calif., and from San Francisco to Santa Fe, N.M. Thirteen of the most important recent paintings are the fruit of these two journeys, while a further group of seven gives his particular impressions of Long Island. This exhibition once more demonstrates how

adaptable to fresh motifs is a command of romantic representation.

Eight Artists, Kasmin at Knoedler Gallery, Savoy & Moore House, 143 New Bond Street, London W.1. This is a neat and small anthology of oases well-known on both sides of the Atlantic. To begin with, there are excellent works by Howard Hodgkin and Hans Hofmann, and a splendid medium-sized sculpture by Anthony Caro. David Hockney and Richard Smith show predictable, and in my view not very interesting, small works. And there are bright intelligent works by Helen Frankenthaler, Anthony Hill and Stephen Buckley. Considered as an entity, this is a crisp, lively and well-worth-a-visit show, which inspires confidence to contemporary activities.

Glyn Morgan, Gilbert Parr Gallery, 285 King's Road, London

S.W.3, to April 15. It is almost 10 years since Glyn Morgan, a romantic and fantastic painter and draftsman, had a one-man London show. This is, therefore, a major exhibition, with two series of oil paintings on the theme of Orpheus and on the theme of garden ponds (here a vague echo of Monet); a set of collage variations on the theme of Apollo and Marsyas; and a suite of pencil drawings from nature. The drawings are clearly the foundations on which these airy and seductive fantasies are built.

Louis Le Brocqy, Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W.1, to April 15. This is an extraordinary series of 69 variations on a theme—an obsessive attempt by the foremost living Irish painter to portray the essential James Joyce. These "Studies toward an image of James Joyce" conveniently divide into three groups—charcoal drawings (studies 1-44) watercolours (25-69) and large oils (60-69).

This latest series has an obvious affinity with the "Studies toward an image of W.B. Yeats," which were shown in Paris two years ago, but this series is both psychologically and iconographically more accomplished and more successful.

Jewish Artists of Great Britain 1845-1945, Belgrave Gallery, 17 Matcomb Street, London S.W.1, to April 16. This is a triumph of a loan exhibition organized by a comparatively small gallery which has only been in existence for four years. More than 80 major paintings and drawings include work by Simeon Solomon, William Rotherstein, and his brother Albert Rotherstein, Lucien Pissani, Epstein, Gertler, the soldier poet painter Isaac Rosenberg, Bomberg, Meninsky, Edward Wolfe and Josef Herman.

J.J. Tissot, Lumley Cazalet in association with Jane Abdy, 24 Davies Street, London W.1, to April 21. From 1870 to 1882 the French painter Tissot lived and worked in London, taking as his principal model his beautiful Irish mistress, Kathleen Newton. This is especially true of his etching and drypoints, more than 40 of which make up this exhibition. As much as anything, this series is the narrative of a happy period in a loving and successful life, overflowing with pleasure and bonhomie.

Paris

Pol Bury, Galerie Maeght, 13 Rue de Teheran, Paris 8, to April 30. Pol Bury is a remarkable craftsman and inventor of slow-moving sculpture. The present show offers fountains and reliefs. The fountains are like trees made of broad steel cylinders, with branches projecting more or less horizontally. Each branch gradually fills with water

Destarac, Galerie Ariel, 140 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris 8, to April 15. Here are recent paintings by Destarac, who works in an abstract-expressionist idiom. A few years ago she did a series of works on large corrugated cardboard boxes which were strikingly effective. Here the medium is once more that of a traditional canvas, and one has the impression, perhaps mistakenly, that like Papageno with a padlock on his mouth, she would like to be more articulate than the circumstances of her style permits.

Serge Clement, Galerie Beau-bourg, 23 Rue du Renard, Paris 4, to April 22. There is something a bit mannered about the work of this talented painter and this detracts from the credibility of his subdued and lyrical subjects. A child looks at a fayed rabbit, a nude woman sits by the open door of a country house with a phone in front of her. All this is painted most carefully in a minutely pointillist manner, but there appears to be a contradiction between the manner and the content, as though the latter were shifted to a remote distance which belies or denies the original emotional elan which it professes.

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AMC to Join Forces With Renault

Wide-Ranging Pact Just Short of Merger

DETROIT, March 31 (UPI)—American Motors Corp. and Renault officials announced today a preliminary agreement on a plan to combine sales and eventually manufacturing operations of the two companies.

In a joint statement, AMC President Gerald Meyers and Renault President Bernard Vernier-Palliez, president of state-owned Renault, said the companies will "work to reach a definitive, legally binding agreement" within the next few months on a plan to:

- Combine distribution of AMC and Renault vehicles in the United States and Canada.
- Develop future product plans regarding Renault and AMC passenger cars to be sold in the United States and Canada.
- Consider eventual manufacture of one or more Renault cars in AMC's U.S. assembly plants.
- Sell AMC Jeep vehicles through the Renault dealer network in selected international markets.

- Ship increased quantities of Le Car (Renault 5s) to America as soon as possible for sale through the AMC and Renault dealer network.

[In Paris, a Renault spokesman said that "We haven't yet definitely established the objectives of this agreement. This is only a cooperation agreement. We are not looking for a merger," AP-Dow Jones reported. He said that it was impossible to say yet how many cars would be involved. He did say no money was being put in on either side in equity share purchases or otherwise.]

Mr. Meyers said the arrangement AMC was looking for would be short of an outright merger, but would involve combined marketing and eventual production of foreign cars at AMC plants.

The announcement ended weeks of speculation in the auto industry concerning plans by the hard-pressed No. 4 U.S. automaker to combine operations with a foreign car manufacturer.

[In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said that "either we or the Federal Trade Commission will look into it," AP-Dow Jones reported. The government routinely examines such agreements to determine whether they might be anti-competitive.]

[In New York, Reuters reported that industry analysts reacted favorably, anticipating important benefits for AMC, particularly in preventing any significant defection of disgruntled dealers.]

Concern in U.S. Grows Over Lagging Research

NEW YORK, March 31 (NYT)—Some key administration officials think that government inaction or restrictions account for the sluggish productivity growth and loss of competitiveness of U.S. industry—and they are beginning to show their concern.

The officials, including Frank Press, director of the President's Office of Science and Technology Policy, Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps and Richard Atkinson, head of the National Science Foundation, think the government is not doing enough to support industrial research and development and may even be hampering it by tax and regulatory policies.

Mr. Press, who is on leave from his post as chairman of the geophysics department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, believes there is decreasing private investment in the kind of research that could lead to new products and processes. He said industrial research managers complain they have to put a larger share of their income into so-called "defensive" measures to meet new environmental and consumer safety standards.

He is worried about evidence that U.S. equipment and facilities are aging and not being replaced fast enough to keep industries competitive. Small, high-technology companies are having considerable difficulty in obtaining capital.

In response to the situation, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in conjunction with the Commerce Department, is starting a major "domestic policy review" of the issue of industrial innovation. Mr. Press said the policy review would address itself to a broad range of possible solutions, including larger federal subsidies for civilian research and development, tax policy—including a proposed research and development tax credit, similar to the investment tax credit—revised



Ian Mackintosh

PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Continental Illinois Ltd. has appointed Ian Mackintosh as deputy managing director to head the merchant bank's corporate finance and international securities efforts. Mr. Mackintosh was previously executive director of Citicorp International Bank Ltd.

Edward O'Neal Jr. has been named general manager of Chemical Bank in France, replacing Royall Victor who has been named senior vice-president at the parent New York bank. Vincent Comboni has been named deputy managing director of Chemical Bank International Ltd. in London. He was succeeded as general manager of Chemical Bank's Italian branch by Marzio Astarita.

Roberto Muls has been appointed vice-president of Europe for Armo International. Previously, he was area director for Southern Europe, Africa and the Mideast.

Britain Forms Securities Body

LONDON, March 31 (Reuters)—The Bank of England said today it is setting up a self-regulatory body for the securities industry.

The establishment of the Council for Securities Industry follows extensive consultations with existing regulatory bodies, particularly the Takeover Panel. The Council will formalize and extend coordination between the stock exchange and market participants.

However, different sectors of the British securities industry will maintain and develop their own regulatory roles, the bank added.

governmental regulations "without compromising public needs" and the patent laws.

The aim will be to come up with a set of options for President Carter on ways the government can help industry strengthen its research effort and productive performance.

Highest-Level Concern
In an interview, Mr. Press said that, though the subject of how to spur innovation was old, "a lot of interest has now converged on it at the highest level."

The number of both product and process patents is declining in the United States compared with foreign countries. This is a matter of public as well as private concern, in his view. The payoff in high-technology fields is extraordinarily great, especially when looked at from the standpoint of total social returns.

He noted that some foreign governments were doing much more than the United States to support civilian research and development. Japan, for instance, this year is putting \$300 million of government money into microelectronic research.

West Germany is providing from 50-100 percent of the research and development funds for those civilian industries requesting aid and judged to be important to the economy as a whole.

Yen-Bond Rates Down
TOKYO, March 31 (AP-DJ)—Malaysia has issued in Japan 15 billion yen (about \$67 million) in 10-year bonds with a coupon of 6.5 percent, priced at 99.25, Daiwa Securities, the lead underwriter, said today. The coupon is the lowest so far, reflecting the cut in interest rates following the lowering of Japan's official discount rate to 3.5 percent March 15.

3 Undercut U.S. Steel's Price Hike

Smaller Firms Bow To Carter Pressure

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—Following National Steel Corp.'s lead, Inland Steel Co. and Republic Steel bowed today to Carter administration pressure and undercut price increases announced earlier this week by two major steelmakers.

However, most other steel companies held off joining the new round of price increases until U.S. Steel Corp. decides whether to stick by its \$10.50-a-ton increase or roll it back about halfway.

The nation's largest producer announced the hike Wednesday to offset higher coal costs arising from settlement of the recent miners' strike. But yesterday, it was undercut by National Steel Corp., which raised its prices by \$5.50 a ton. National, the third largest U.S. producer, said a bigger increase was justified, but it settled for less because it wanted to help fight inflation. President Carter yesterday termed the \$10.50-a-ton hike "excessive."

U.S. Steel President David Rockefeller said prior to the National Steel announcement that if Mr. Carter "asks us to roll back we would certainly listen to the President." But Mr. Rockefeller added that market forces determine prices and "we haven't announced a price increase to roll it back."

U.S. Steel's increase, which analysts said could raise the price of the average car by \$10-\$15, was immediately matched by ninth-ranked Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel.

George Stinson, chairman of National Steel, said the \$5.50-a-ton price increase did not in any way offset extraordinary energy costs incurred during the coal strike, "which, if averaged for the year, could justify a much higher increase."

"Nevertheless," he said, "mindful of the impact of our action on our customers and of the inflationary forces now at work in the economy, we have concluded that an increase at this time should be limited to cover immediate, direct cost increases."

Japan Said Placing Funds In Banks To Cut Reserves

TOKYO, March 31 (Reuters)—Japan's Finance Ministry has placed part of its official foreign reserves with commercial banks in a move to reduce the psychological impact on the foreign-exchange market when it announces end-March reserves—expected to show a very large rise, banking sources said today.

The source said from \$400 million to \$600 million or more was placed with the 13 leading commercial banks and the specialized foreign exchange bank, the Bank of Tokyo.

Japan's reserves were \$24.19 billion at the end of February and are expected to be swelled due to Bank of Japan intervention in the foreign-exchange market, put at over \$5 billion.

Separately, Japanese Trade and Industry Minister Toshio Komoto said that cabinet ministers will meet later next week to discuss new measures to cut the country's trade and current-account surplus, although he did not elaborate.

Tokyo Stocks Rise
TOKYO, March 31 (AP-DJ)—Prices on the Tokyo stock exchange continued to surge today, supported by enthusiastic buying from institutional investors and corporations in the last trading session in fiscal 1977.

The Nikkei Dow index rose 36.48 to stand at a record 5,447.76.

Volume on the first section was about 740 million shares—the biggest volume in the past seven months—compared with about 530 million shares yesterday.

Unemployment Up
TOKYO, March 31 (AP-DJ)—Unemployment in Japan in February rose to the third highest level since 1953, the statistics bureau announced today in a preliminary report.

Unemployment rose to 1.36 million persons, up 100,000 from 1.26 million in January and up from 1.22 million a year earlier.

February's total was the third highest since the bureau began compiling labor statistics in 1953. The highest jobless total in Japan was 1.48 million in March, 1956, followed by 1.46 million in March, 1959, the bureau said.

U.S. Assesses Dumping Fines For Japan TVs
WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—More than 100 U.S. import firms were assessed \$46 million in antidumping duties for Japanese-made television sets sold in the United States in 1972 and 1973, the Treasury Department said today.

The action follows a seven year old department ruling that Japanese color and black and white television sets were being dumped, or sold below fair market value.

"The current action constitutes the first step... to eliminate the five year backlog of television import duties" between 1972 and 1977, a Treasury statement said.

Treasury's general counsel, Robert Mundheim, said the government "is aware of the potential impact of such a large proceeding on United States television importers."

He said negotiations will begin "promptly" with the importers for "hearing and resolving any claims, including that the amount involved is incorrect, and avoiding unnecessary disruption of the business affairs of the importers."

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

McDermott, B&W Merger Approved

Shareholders of J. Ray McDermott & Co., an offshore oil operations firm, have voted to acquire Babcock & Wilcox, a major manufacturer of industrial boilers and energy systems, in a stock exchange deal valued at \$387.5 million. Each share of B&W common stock will be converted into shares of McDermott preferred. To cover the acquisition, McDermott created 25 million shares of preferred stock. In addition, the company will boost the present 36 million shares of common stock to 60 million shares. The merger ends a year-long bidding war for B&W between McDermott and United Technologies, a larger conglomerate based in Hartford, Conn. United originally bid \$42 a share for the stock finally purchased by McDermott for \$62.50 a share. McDermott will exchange one share of its \$2.20 convertible cumulative preferred stock and one share of its \$2.60 preferred stock for each B&W share McDermott does not already own. The preferred shares are valued at about \$62.50, the same as that McDermott paid in cash under its 1977 tender offer.

BOC Raises Stake in Aircro

BOC International has acquired an additional 841,500 shares of Aircro, increasing its stake in to

6.6 million shares, or about 54 percent. The latest purchases were at \$44.125 a share and complete BOC's purchases of Aircro "at the present time." Both companies make industrial gases. Aircro, based in New Jersey, has been opposed to attempts by BOC to obtain control. As the result of a disputed tender offer, BOC earlier this year acquired 1.8 million Aircro shares, increasing the U.K. company's interest in Aircro to 49 percent. BOC subsequently sought—and was refused—Aircro's blessing for a further \$43-a-share offer for the remaining Aircro shares. Although it had approved in advance BOC's offer for the 1.8 million shares, Aircro later went to court to charge that the offer was part of a scheme by BOC to acquire Aircro's shares outstanding "at a low and unfair price."

Dollfus Mieg Expects Loss

Dollfus Mieg, a major French textile group, says it will post a loss of 30-to-35 million French francs for 1977 compared with a loss of 19.7 million francs in 1976. The board will probably suggest passing the 1977 dividend payout against these francs a share, the company says, but sales since the beginning of year conform to expectations, and that its results in 1978 will likely show an improvement on last year.

Officially Ends Bretton Woods System

IMF Starts 'New Game' as Rules Change

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—A totally revamped international monetary system will go into effect tomorrow, when ratification of an amendment overhauling the International Monetary Fund's charter will be completed. The IMF announced yesterday.

The change in rules legalizes flexible exchange rates and allocates to the IMF considerable "power for surveillance" of currency fluctuations. It also marks the legal end of the Bretton Woods system that provided for fixed-exchange rates and tied the dollar to gold.

Essentials of the new system were agreed upon by the IMF's Interim Committee in Jamaica in January 1976, and the rules governing surveillance were announced last year.

IMF General Counsel Joseph Gold said at a press conference yesterday that the IMF now en-

ters "a new game" in which the IMF may bring pressure on member countries to follow exchange-rate principles.

The amendment, the second in the IMF's 34-year history, does not provide the complete reform that some hoped to accomplish when the Bretton Woods system began its collapse on Aug. 15, 1971—the date President Nixon abandoned the convertibility of the dollar into gold.

The amendment, now ratified by the required 60 percent of members with 80 percent of voting power, is based on legal acceptance of the floating rates that have developed since then.

Members can set up any exchange system they choose but may not maintain a value for their currencies in terms of gold.

Among other significant potential developments are a possible expansion in the use of special drawing rights (SDRs)—the principal reserve asset of the IMF. Members can now exchange or transfer SDRs freely, and the IMF may authorize other international institutions, such as the World Bank, to use them.

The IMF also gains the power to invest its surplus funds, currently about 700 million SDR, in interest-bearing securities.

Officials said the increased member quotas established by the Sixth General Review would go into effect within 30 days, enlarging the IMF's resources to 39 billion SDR from 29.2 billion.

Mr. Gold noted that the IMF now is moving "from a rather rigid code to one of great enabling powers, including the power to modify the international monetary system without further amendment."

The surveillance power could turn out to be the crucial element, if exchange markets continue to be erratic and disorderly. The essence of the system, officials said, is that the amended charter gives members freedom of choice, but not freedom of behavior, in the sense that all members are bound by certain obligations and subject to surveillance by the fund.

The broad principles rule out manipulation of rates, but allow intervention to adjust disorderly conditions. Members are supposed to take into account "the interests of other members."

The ultimate sanction is the power of the managing director, on his own initiative, to raise the question of a member's exchange rate policy "informally and confidentially," reporting back the results to the executive board.

Gold Stock Valuation
WASHINGTON, March 31 (Reuters)—Major central bank gold transactions are unlikely to

stem from ratification of the IMF's amendment to its articles of agreement, senior IMF officials say, noting that gold transactions will now be possible at market-related prices.

Separately, a high treasury official said that the United States does not "intend to make any change in the valuation of its gold stock" due to the amendment. The U.S. gold stock is currently valued at about \$11.72 billion at the old official price of about \$43 an ounce.

Officials in London, Tokyo and Brussels said their countries do not plan to revalue their gold stocks.

NYSE Prices Fall Broadly In Moderate Trading

NEW YORK, March 31 (UPI)—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange retreated broadly today in moderate trading, as investors are increasingly burdened by inflation worries.

Analysts traced today's nervousness to another large rise in the nation's money supply reported late yesterday by the Federal Reserve added to fears the Carter administration may be heading toward some method of holding down wages and prices.

"Wall Street is in a distrustful mood and fearful that perhaps it (controls) will be introduced under a guise such as tax-based incomes policy," one analyst said.

The President said he plans to reveal his anti-inflation plan on returning from his trip to South America and Africa.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed off 2.26 at 757.36. Volume totaled 20.13 million shares, down from 20.46 million yesterday.

Declines led advances by about 796 to about 535.

American Motors was the most active Big Board issue, rising 1/2 to 5 after the company announced plans to tie up with the French automaker, Renault.

Among other actives, Sears Roebuck eased 1/4 to 22 1/2. Lockheed declined 1/4 to 16 1/2 and Exxon was down 1/4 at 44 1/2.

Pan American fell 1/4 to 5 1/2. The company said in its annual report it is still having problems

W. German Costs Up

WIESBADEN, West Germany, March 31 (AP-DJ)—West Germany's cost-of-living index rose 0.2 percent in March from February and was up 3 percent from a year earlier, the statistics office said today in a preliminary report.

Trade Deficit Rises To Record in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI)—The U.S. trade deficit skidded to a record \$4.52 billion in February, prompting President Carter to remind America's trading partners it is time for them to help right the imbalance.

It was the 21st consecutive monthly deficit with purchases of imported oil, steel, television sets and manufactured goods leading the way, the Commerce Department reported.

Mr. Carter's statement, released through Vice President Walter Mondale's office, said that "we are seriously concerned at this further increase in our trade deficit (it underlines once again the importance on the part of the United States of other governments of dealing with the fundamental factors that cause large trade imbalances.)"

Urges Cooperation
He said, "On the part of foreign countries, these developments again call attention to the need for countries with current-account surpluses to take the necessary actions to begin reducing these surpluses."

The department said imports increased 16.5 percent from January to a record high \$14.4 billion in February, while exports dropped 1 percent to \$9.92 billion.

The administration acknowledged that "special factors"—including the weather and the coal strike—had hurt the U.S. trading position, and said they "undercut the very high costs of continued delay on the energy bill."

Mr. Carter promised to turn his attention to the energy package and the continuing fight against inflation when he returns Monday from his trip to South America and Africa.

But oil continued to be the chief import problem. The department said petroleum imports in-

creased \$347 million in February to \$3.6 billion. Iron and steel imports at \$160 million, while machine and transport equipment rose percent to \$3.9 billion.

Dollar Falls Sharply on Trade News

LONDON, March 31 (Reuters)—The dollar fell sharply on European foreign exchange markets tonight as dealers pressed shock and dismay at the announcement of the worst monthly U.S. trade deficit in history.

The news of the record deficit hit the markets in the last half of trading and the dollar, which had already been weak, took a plunge.

Many dealers said the deficit was well above even the most pessimistic expectations. From a midday quote around 2.0220 Deutsche mark the dollar fell to 2.0055 before closing fractionally better at 2.0075.

Dealers described the mark as very nervous and volume unusually heavy for a Friday.

In Zurich, the news drove the dollar to 1.83 Swiss francs on an opening rate of 1.8890. The dollar did not do as well against sterling which was at a bad day today. The dollar closed in London at \$1.8631, down from \$1.8531 midday and \$1.8615 last night.

But the dollar closed here at 221.25 yen, down from a night's close in London of 222.5 yen; and at 4.56 French franc compared with last night's 4.608.

As the dollar plunged, the price of gold jumped. It reached \$183.75 an ounce in Zurich trading outside normal hours after the bullion market there closed with the rate at \$181.88 a ounce shortly before the U.S. trade deficit was announced.

Meanwhile, in New York, the dollar continued to move sharply lower in erratic, nervous trading.

Dutch Trade Gap Cut

AMSTERDAM, March 31 (AP-DJ)—The trade gap in the Netherlands narrowed in January to a 48-million-guilder deficit (about \$22.1 million) from a 533-million-guilder deficit a year earlier, the statistical agency reports. Imports fell to 9.37 billion guilders from 9.4 billion a year earlier while exports rose to 9.32 billion from 8.9 billion.

Eurocurrency Interest Rates

		Dollar	Mark
1 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	3 1/2-3 3/4	
2 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	3 1/2-3 3/4	
3 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	3 1/2-3 3/4	
6 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	3 1/2-3 3/4	
1 Y.	7 1/4-7 5/8	3 1/2-3 3/4	
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1 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	6 1/2-7 1/8	6 1/2-7 1/8
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3 M.	7 1/4-7 5/8	7 1/4-7 5/8	7 1/4-7 5/8
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Resolutions on the agenda of the extraordinary general meeting will require that at least 50 per cent of the total issued and outstanding capital are represented at the meeting. Should such quorum not be reached, a second meeting would then be convened not earlier than a month later. At such postponed meeting no quorum will be required. In the extraordinary meeting, a majority of two thirds will be required for resolutions on the items of the agenda.

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East Bloc Cuts Poor States Aid

PARIS, March 31 (AP-DI)—Financial aid from East European countries to developing nations is only small and declining, and their terms are hardening, according to a study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The study, made in December and released yesterday, covers Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania.

Their total net disbursements, including trade credits and non-concessional loans (excluding aid to Cuba and Vietnam) is estimated to have averaged \$110 million annually over the period 1970-1976. This represents on average 0.04 percent of gross national product of the countries involved.

Capital flows to developing nations from the 18-member nations of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee totalled \$40.6 billion in 1976, up from \$39.9 billion in 1975.)

European Gold Markets

March 31, 1978

	Open	Close	H.C.
Zurich	100.73	101.40	101.60
London	100.72	101.85	102.00
Paris (25 kilos)	100.72	101.85	102.00

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Art Buchwald

Energy Forever

WASHINGTON — Congress has just passed a law moving up the date of mandatory retirement from 65 to 70. Excluded from mandatory retirement is Congress itself, and representatives and senators can serve as long as they can get elected.

A friend of mine, who worked on the retirement bill, explained why the congressional waiver was inserted into the law.

"It was mostly done," he said, "to accommodate the members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Energy who are trying to work out a mutually agreeable solution on the energy bill."

"I don't follow you."

"Well, we don't expect the House and Senate to reach a compromise for years. Many of the conferees are in their 40s and 50s now, and it would be a pity to make them quit working on the compromise when they reach 70."

"You figure it's going to take that long for Congress to produce an energy bill?"

"It might be shorter or it might be longer. You can't pass something this complicated in one administration. Right now we have 17 senators and 25 House members meeting every day to work out the gas deregulation problems. We're hoping they'll reach an agreement by 1990."

"But it's President Carter's energy bill. He might not be president by the time it's sent to the White House."

Geyser Back in Action

MAMMOTH, Wyo., March 31 (AP)—Steamboat geyser, believed to be the tallest in the world, erupted this week after having been dormant for nine years. Yellowstone National Park officials said yesterday it threw a shower of water and then steam 300 to 400 feet into the air on Tuesday, a park spokesman said.

"I'm sure who ever is president will invite him back to witness the signing of the bill," my friend told me.

"Is 1990 the cutoff date on a gas deregulation compromise?"

"There is no cutoff date on an agreement about gas deregulation. We're just hoping that if men of goodwill work from now until then, they will come up with a solution that will satisfy everybody. If they don't, the compromise committee may still be in session when we enter the 21st century."

"Many of the conferees will be quite old by then," I said.

"That's true, but it would be unfair to force them into retirement when they've lived with the bill so long. You don't want to bring new faces to the committee who are not familiar with the issues."

"What happens if a senator or congressman on the compromise committee decides not to run?"

"Then he will have to be replaced. But most of the committee members enjoy the give and take on gas deregulation so much that it's doubtful they would give up a chance to play such an important role in the energy future of the country."

"Oh, there may be a few who would become hard of hearing. But we don't worry about this because they've heard the arguments on both sides so many times that it won't matter if they don't hear them again. By their late 80s, even if they doze off they won't be missing much."

"Let's be optimistic for a moment," I said, "and suppose they reach a compromise by 1985. What will these people do then?"

He laughed. "I doubt that there is any chance of that. Even if they reach a compromise on gas deregulation by 1985, the energy bill will then have to go to the House-Senate Compromise Committee on Oil Taxation. Many of the same people will move over to that committee."

"I forgot about the Compromise Committee on Oil Taxation," I admitted.

"Most people have, and that's why they expect an energy bill overnight."

MARY BLUME

The big coup will be a book on Prince Charles's wedding, which the company is working full speed on despite the prince's lack of fiancée.

Debrett's Takes On a Common Touch

LONDON (IHT)—Kind hearts are more than coronets: that we have of course always known. But it is finally possible to state how much more. When Debrett's, the 208-year-old English company, published only its Baronetage and Peerage, English earnings were only £18 a day. Now that the company has started tracing the lineage of common folk and, upon request, supplying them with suitable-for-framing family trees, daily earnings are up to £2,500.

The change, which has happened in less than two years, was led by Harold Brooks-Baker, a subtly tailored native of Maryland and London resident who is managing director of Debrett's Peerage Limited. Mr. Brooks-Baker had wanted to take over the sinking company before it foundered completely and while he could still enjoy the services of Patrick Montague-Smith, editor of the Baronetage and Peerage, who has been with the firm since the days of the Plantagenets.

Mr. Montague-Smith's new edition of Debrett's will be out next year at a cost to the company of more than £100,000. To offset that, the company is expanding its ancestry research line ("Your ancestry traced by Debrett's Peerage") and is lucratively publishing books with what Mr. Brooks-Baker describes as an imperial, royal or noble side. These include a guide to the recent Fabergé show at the Victoria and Albert, "The Big Shots," a bloodcurdling account of Edwardian shooting parties with Edward VII on the cover, and "Debrett's Correct Form," which tells one how to address such difficult personages as the Widow of Ooe Who Would Have Succeeded to a Peerage Had He Survived.

"This is a book on protocol, which is very different from etiquette," Mr. Brooks-Baker says. "It's very difficult for people to know how to address the second son of a second son. Even people who live in the milieu are exaggerating when they say they understand everything."

The company is also updating Nancy Mitford's "Noblesse Oblige," a director of Debrett's, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk, whose eccentricities are notable even in his native Scotland, is writing a book on the English gentleman.

The big coup will be a book on Prince Charles's wedding, which the company is working on full speed despite the prince's lack of fiancée. "The first part, the history of his life, can be done well in advance," Mr. Brooks-Baker says. "Our three writers will work with two genealogists on the fiancée's family. The chances of our being the first book on the most important wedding of the century are pretty good."

Such go-getting deserves an accolade, especially as an earlier bit of trumpeting fell flat. To publicize its ancestry research branch, Debrett's traced the genealogy of President Carter. Mr. Brooks-Baker says, "We were trying to show that an American whose family had not been rich and famous could have his family traced."

"The average attitude I found in Virginia was we're related to Carter, indeed most Virginians are—but he's not related to us. We don't speak the same language, we don't wear the same clothes, we're Anglicans, he's a Baptist."

"My feeling," says Mr. Brooks-Baker severely, "is that every European family—we're speaking of the great European families—has accepted that he has relations that are humble. If the Queen can accept that she has relations named Smith or Jones, then I would suggest that a Carter of Virginia can do the same."

Unstung by the Carter backfire, Debrett's is planning to use John Washington, a descendant of George, to promote its new roots-style tours. "We'll take him to various places where his ancestors lived. We'll also take him to Germany where he has relations. There are very few Americans who realize there are any Washingtons left. He lives modestly but can use Mount Vernon for parties."

Those who want to take ancestry tours must first give Debrett's six months' notice, during which their genealogies will be traced. A staff genealogist will meet them upon their arrival and point them toward the right house or churchyard. "It's as expensive as you wish to make it," Mr. Brooks-Baker says. "You can bicycle and camp out, or stay in a beautiful castle."

These days Debrett's likes to emphasize the common touch. It is easier and cheaper, Mr. Brooks-Baker says, to trace a Greek-American family who emigrated only 40 years ago than a Carter who has been in the United States for three centuries. The company has offices throughout Europe, contacts with all the Communist countries save Albania and an admiration for the records kept by Sephardic Jews. In addition, Sir Iain Moncreiffe is an expert on Japanese genealogy.

"We would like to think that eventually we could do the world with the exception of Africa where, outside of North Africa, written records do not exist," Mr. Brooks-Baker says.

Debrett's is also planning to expand its travel division to recreate the Grand Tour or to allow parties to follow their heroes' traces. Mr. Brooks-Baker himself has done a Ludwig of Bavaria tour and has followed the footsteps of several Bourbon-Parmes. "Tallyrand is one of my favorites. I did a Tallyrand trip," he says.

Debrett's may be flourishing thanks to all the new blood, but the company has another publicity setback when it offered to trace Alex Haley's Irish roots. "He hasn't even given a reply," Mr. Brooks-Baker says.

English genealogists think he did an admirable job, but I think he must also accept that he is part white and pay attention to that part of his ancestry. The name of the family in Ireland is Jackson. They produced Stonewall Jackson.

"In genealogy you don't have the right to be selective," Mr. Brooks-Baker says firmly. "Haley is guilty of the same thing as the Virginians. That's scholastically dishonest and, I think, personally rather boring."

PEOPLE: John Wayne Enters A Boston Hospital

The switchboard at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston was jammed with calls from fans of John Wayne, who is undergoing tests for a reported breathing problem, but hospital officials said the actor asked that no information about his condition be given out. "He's being examined," said hospital spokesman Chris Bullock. "It's not related to cancer. That's all we can say." Wayne, 70, survived a bout with cancer that cost him a lung in 1964. A few days ago Wayne said that he was not being treated for cancer. "No, pneumonia," he said. "Hell, I got rid of that cancer 14 years ago." Meanwhile, a Boston radio station said that Wayne would undergo open heart surgery.



John Wayne

Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl, who wants to prove that ancient Sumerians traveled widely on primitive boats, has arrived in Djibouti aboard his marsh-wheeled craft, Heyerdahl and his international crew arrived in this port on the Gulf of Aden after a journey across the Indian Ocean on the Tigris, a crude vessel patterned after Sumerian vessels. They left Karachi on Feb. 26. The explorer is expected to stay for about a week. He and the other adventurers set out four months ago from the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Iraq. Heyerdahl says his objective is to determine how far the Sumerians could have gone on their boats and possibly where they went. Before leaving Iraq the 63-year-old explorer said this probably would be his last ocean expedition.

Explaining that Queen Elizabeth, one of the richest women in the world, has fallen afoul of inflation just like everyone else, the British treasury has confirmed that she is about to get a raise in her tax-free \$3.5 million annuity. Other members of the royal family are also marked down for raises, which are expected to be around 10 percent. The Queen enjoys public popularity, as does her son and heir, Prince Charles, so their raises are not expected to set off too much grumbling. But the Queen's sister, Princess Margaret, and the monarch's daughter, Princess Anne, have been criticized in Parliament and the press by those who contend that they are not entitled to their respective annuities of \$101,700 and \$92,500.

A Santa Ana, Calif., foundation is planning to buy Richard Nixon's birthplace for \$125,000 and wants to preserve it as a historical site. The small wooden frame home is owned by the Yorba Linda School District, according to Elton Partridge, deputy district superintendent. It sits on a 1.3-acre lot valued at more than \$100,000. The school district bought the area as part of an eight-acre parcel about 50 years ago and built a school on part of the land. Partridge said. There had been plans to sell the Nixon birthplace earlier, but after the Watergate scandal fiasco interest waned, he said. However, the Nixon Birthplace Foundation "approached us and said that no matter what had happened, he [Nixon] was still the 37th president of the United States and he was from Yorba Linda," Partridge said.

The sale of the home to the local foundation was officially approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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